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**New Apprentice Hunting
License Available
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Mission Statement

To manage Virginia's wildlife and inland fish to maintain optimum populations of all species to serve the needs of the Commonwealth; To provide opportunity for all to enjoy wildlife, inland fish, boating and related outdoor recreation and to work diligently to safeguard the rights of the people to hunt, fish and harvest game as provided for in the Constitution of Virginia; To promote safety for persons and property in connection with boating, hunting and fishing; To provide educational outreach programs and materials that foster an awareness of and appreciation for Virginia's fish and wildlife resources, their habitats, and hunting, fishing, and boating opportunities.

This program received Federal financial assistance in Sport Fish and/or Wildlife Restoration. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to the Office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop 2000, Arlington, VA 22203.

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Virginia's Wildlife Restoration Program and You

Hunters and trappers create many opportunities for Virginians to enjoy exceptional hunting, trapping and wildlife watching. Through the Federal Assistance in Wildlife Restoration program, you help the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries make wildlife oriented outdoor recreation even better each time you buy a firearm, ammunition or a hunting or trapping license.

When you buy hunting-related equipment, a portion of the excise tax levied on the manufacturer goes to the Federal Assistance in Wildlife Restoration program. Virginia receives about \$5 million each year from this program, which funds a large portion of the Department's habitat management and wildlife population research projects.

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This pamphlet is for general information. Specific laws are found in the Code of Virginia or the Game Department Regulation Manual. For answers to specific questions about hunting or trapping, contact the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries office nearest you.

From The Executive Director

Our Department remains committed to managing the amazing assortment of game and furbearer species found throughout Virginia to maintain optimum populations, while serving the hunting and trapping public that pursues them through a variety of outdoor-related activities. In concert with this mission, multiple wildlife, law enforcement and education projects proceed throughout the year, often under the public's radar screen and performed by hundreds of dedicated employees spread across the Commonwealth.

This coming year, hunters and trappers will find many new changes as evidenced on our "What's New for 2008-2009" page. One of the exciting changes is a new Apprentice License granted by the General Assembly and adopted by our Board. Our hope is that this new license will recruit "apprentice" hunters who will become lifelong hunters and keep the tradition of hunting going well into the future. In the mean-

time, our nationally recognized hunter education program continues to certify more than 15,000 students each year.

During the past year, we continued to manage the largest assemblage of state-owned land and were proud to add Merrimac Farm to our portfolio of now 37 wildlife management areas. As the Department expands its programs, demands for limited dollars require us to be diligent in our planning. We will be actively involving you—hunters and trappers—even more, to help us achieve our mission.

To our supporters, volunteers and outdoors enthusiasts, we say "thank you." Your license and titling and registration fees make all of this possible. Your participation in hunting and trapping creates a revenue ripple effect that reaches into every town and county across the state, strengthening local economies in the process. Good Hunting!

—Bob Duncan

If you have questions or need assistance, contact the office nearest you.

Richmond Headquarters

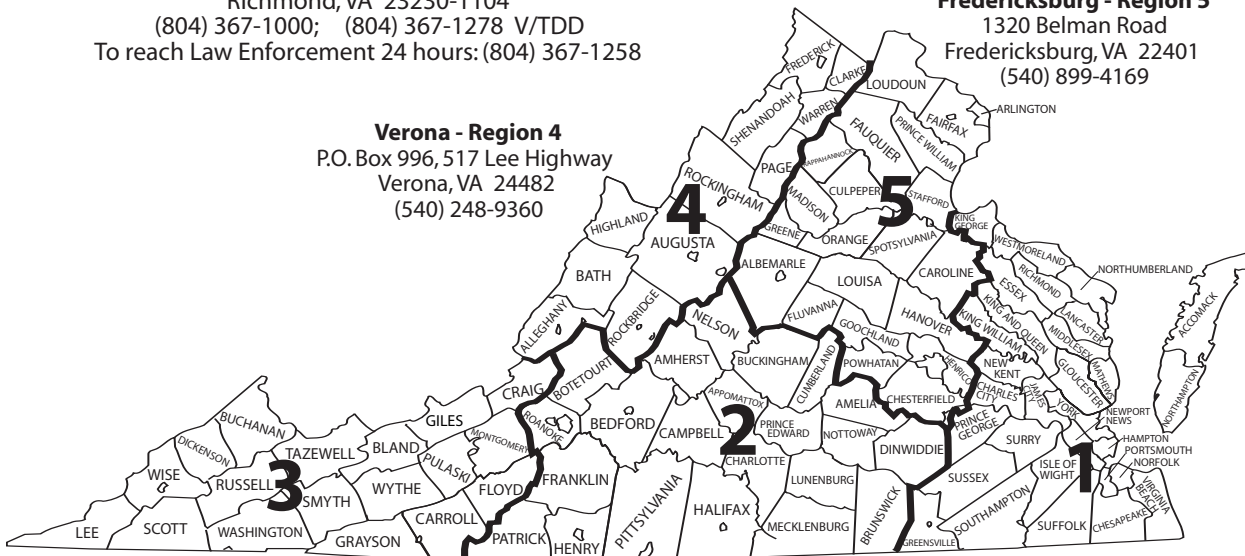
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P.O. Box 996, 517 Lee Highway
Verona, VA 24482
(540) 248-9360

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1320 Belman Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540) 899-4169



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1796 Highway Sixteen
Marion, VA 24354
(276) 783-4860

Forest - Region 2

1132 Thomas Jefferson Road
Forest, VA 24551-9223
(434) 525-7522

Charles City - Region 1

3801 John Tyler Memorial Hwy.
Charles City, VA 23030
(804) 829-6580

Additional Contacts

Report Violations: 1-800-237-5712

Contact a Conservation Police Office (Game Warden)
804-367-1258

Virginia Department of Forestry, Charlottesville Office
434-977-6555

Department of Conservation and Recreation
Reservation Center
800-933-7275

USDA Wildlife Services
804-739-7739

U. S. Forest Service
George Washington and Jefferson Forest Supervisor
540-265-5100

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Information on federal wildlife inquiries only
804-771-2883
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What's New for 2008-2009

General Information

- An Apprentice Hunting License is now available. See page 9 for details.
- Unplugged shotguns are legal for hunting non-migratory game.

Bear

- Black bear checking procedures have changed and there is a new way to find out the age of your harvested bear (see page 23).
- Hours for bear hound training season have been changed to 1/2 hour before sunrise to 4 1/2 hours after sunset.

Deer

Earn A Buck

- A new earn a buck regulation has been established in Bedford, Fairfax, Fauquier, Franklin, Loudoun, Patrick, Prince William and Roanoke counties.

Urban Archery

- The early segment of the antlerless only urban archery season has been extended to open on the first Saturday of September (September 6, 2008 - October 3, 2008).

Early Antlerless Only Archery Season

- An early antlerless only archery season has been established in Loudoun and Prince William counties (except on Department-owned lands) to coincide with the early segment of the urban archery season (September 6, 2008 - October 3, 2008).

Muzzleloading

- At the April 8, 2008 meeting, the Board of DGIF proposed the use of electronic ignition for muzzleloaders. Final Board action will be taken at the June 3, 2008 meeting. Check the Department's Web site for more information.

Early Muzzleloading Season

- The early muzzleloading season west of the Blue Ridge Mountains has been extended to two weeks (November 1-14).

Late Muzzleloading Season

- Private lands in Grayson County will now have the last six days as either-sex deer hunting days.

- City of Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp Line) now has a late muzzle-loading season with the last six days as either-sex deer hunting days.

Special Late Antlerless Only Firearms Deer Season

- The special late antlerless only firearms deer season in Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties has been expanded to include Fauquier County, except on Department-owned lands and was also extended to the last Saturday in March.

General Firearms Either-Sex Deer Hunting Days

- Either-sex deer hunting days have been increased in 16 eastern Virginia city/counties (see pages 28-29).
- Either-sex deer hunting days were reduced on National Forest and Department-owned lands (public lands) in 12 counties west of the Blue Ridge and on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties (see pages 28-29).
- Either-sex deer hunting days were reduced on private lands in two western Virginia counties (Rockbridge and that portion of Rockingham County west of Routes 613 and 731).

Turkey

Youth Fall Turkey Hunt Day

- Youth 15 years of age and younger can hunt turkey on October 18 (see page 33).

Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Day

- Hunting hours were extended to sunset during the youth spring hunt.

Fall Turkey Season East of the Blue Ridge

- Starting and ending dates for the late segment for fall turkey have changed in most counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains (see page 32).

Fall Turkey Season Opened

- A 2-week fall turkey season has been opened in Accomac and Northampton counties and in the city of Suffolk.

Furbearers

Bobcat

Mandatory Electronic Checking

- A new regulation was passed that requires all hunters and trappers who kill a bobcat to report the kill within 24 hours through an electronic harvest reporting system (see page 37).

Tagging Requirements

- Beginning this year, bobcats taken to a Virginia taxidermist will no longer be required to be sealed with a CITES tag (see page 37).

CITES Tags

- Hunters and trappers who require CITES tags to sell bobcat pelts can now order them via the Internet and attach the tags themselves (see page 37).

Electronic Calls

Use on Public Lands

- Electronic calls may now be used to hunt bobcats, coyotes and foxes on public lands during specific periods (see page 36).

Trapping

Trap Tagging

- Trappers will now have the option of tagging their traps with a permanent identification number issued by the Department, instead of their name and address (see page 39).

Body-Gripping Traps

- Body-gripping traps in excess of 7 1/2 inches can now be set half-submerged in water.

Width of Foothold Traps

- The method for measuring maximum jaw spread of foothold traps has been clarified (see page 39).

Shooting Over Public Waters

- Beginning this year, licensed trappers may shoot a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or pistol on or over public waters to dispatch trapped animals.

Mandatory Hunter Education Requirement

Hunter Education courses provide instruction in hunter safety, principles of conservation and sportsmanship. The courses are a minimum of 10 hours in length and cover many topics preparing new hunters to enjoy their experience in the outdoors. Courses are offered free of charge throughout the Commonwealth. A list of courses is available online or contact one of the Department's regional offices. You can call 1-866-604-1122 for a listing of Hunter Education classes near you. For information about obtaining a replacement certificate check the Agency's Web site or call 1-866-721-6911, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, except holidays.

Hunters under the age of 16 and those that have not previously held a hunting license who purchase a license (other than an apprentice license) through the Internet

or by telephone must carry proof of completion of Hunter Education on their persons while hunting, or be directly supervised by a licensed adult. If supervised they are still required to have completed the hunter education requirement.

Hunters under the age of 16 and first-time hunters 16 and older must complete an approved hunter education course in any state prior to purchasing a hunting license, with the following exceptions:

- Hunters may purchase a one-time **apprentice hunting license** if they have not previously held a hunting license. This apprentice hunting license is valid for two years, and takes the place of a regular hunting license. It is unlawful to hunt with an apprentice hunting license unless accompanied and directly supervised by an adult over the age of 18 who has, on his person, a valid Virginia hunting license. "Accompanied and directly supervised" means the adult maintains close visual and verbal contact with, provides adequate direction to, and can immediately assume control of the

firearm from the apprentice hunter. The apprentice hunting license cannot be used as proof of holding a previous hunting license, for the purposes of purchasing a hunting license without proof of hunter education.

- Any person 16 years of age or older who certifies that he or she has held a previously issued hunting license by signing the back of the license. *Virginia accepts and recognizes all states' and countries' hunting licenses and hunter education credentials for the purpose of complying with mandatory hunter education requirements. These may be in the form of an identification card or certificate.*
- Hunters under the age of 12 are not required to have a hunting license or hunter education. However, they may not hunt unless immediately supervised by a licensed adult.
- Any person who only hunts foxes with hounds while on horseback, but without firearms.

Q&A

My resident son was 11 years old at the beginning of the hunting season and did not need a license. He will turn 12 in the middle of the season. Does he need to purchase a license?

Yes. He will need his own hunting license and all applicable licenses, permits and stamps when he turns 12. He could obtain an Apprentice License as his basic hunting license if he has not yet taken a Hunter Education Course when he turns 12.



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**Concerned about the future of hunting?
Want to make a difference?**

Become a Hunter Education Instructor

**Contact: david.dodson@dgif.virginia.gov
or go online**

<http://www.HuntFishVA.com/hunting/education/>

**Keep Your Firearms
Pointed in a
Safe Direction**

Hunting Licenses and Fees

Every person who is required to have a license must carry such license and shall show the license immediately upon demand of any officer whose duty it is to enforce the game and inland fish laws, or upon the demand of any owner or lessee, or any employee or representative of such owner or lessee, upon whose land or water such person may be hunting, trapping or fishing.

A license is not valid unless signed by the licensee.

Residency Qualifications:

- Persons who have been a bonafide resident of the city, county, or state for six consecutive months immediately preceding the date of purchasing a license.
- Persons who have been domiciliary residents of the state for at least two months upon approval of a completed affidavit to be furnished by the Game Department.
- Legal voters in Virginia.
- Members of the armed forces if they reside in the Commonwealth and are on active duty and are stationed at military installations within, or on ships based in the Commonwealth.
- Students (including nonresident students boarding on campus) residing in Virginia who are enrolled in bonafide Virginia schools.

- Unnaturalized owners of real property in Virginia who have resided in a county for five years immediately prior to making application for a license may apply for resident licenses only in the county where they qualify.

Exceptions

All persons, except those listed below, must purchase the proper licenses before hunting or trapping. Where exempt, the exemption means the individual is exempt from the basic hunting license, bear, deer, turkey license, archery license, crossbow license, muzzleloading license, and Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp.

- Resident or non-resident landowners, their spouses, their children and grandchildren and the spouses of such children and grandchildren, or the landowner's parents, resident or non-resident, do not need a license to hunt, trap or fish within the boundaries of their own lands and inland waters.
- Tenants, on the land they rent and occupy, are not required to have a license, but must have the written permission of the landowner. Persons that lease property and do not reside there are **not exempt** from license requirements.
- Residents, 65 years of age and over, do not need a license to hunt or trap on private property in their county of residence.
- Resident hunters under the age of 12 are not required to have a hunting license or hunter education. Non-resident hunters under the age of 12 need a hunting license but do not need hunter education to purchase one. All hunters under the age of 12 may not hunt unless immediately supervised by a licensed adult.
- Residents under the age of 16 are not required to have a license to trap when accompanied by any person 18 years of age or older who possesses a valid Virginia trapping license.
- Any person who is not hunting, but is aiding a disabled person to hunt when such disabled person possesses a valid Virginia Disabled Resident Lifetime hunting license or a Virginia Resident Disabled Veteran Lifetime license is not required to have a license.
- Any American Indian who resides on a Virginia Indian reservation or a member of the Virginia recognized tribes who resides in the Commonwealth is not required to have a license; however, such Indian must have on his person an identification card or paper signed by the chief of his tribe, a valid tribal identification card, written confirmation through a central tribal registry, or certification from a tribal office.

Where to Obtain a License

- ◆ **Online:** At www.HuntFishVA.com. Select the license(s) you want, pay with your VISA or MasterCard, and print your license(s) after you pay.
- ◆ **In Person:** Sold by some clerks of the Circuit Court and hundreds of license agents around the state.
- ◆ **By Mail:** Download and complete the proper form from the Department's Web site and mail it to the address provided.
- ◆ **By Phone:** Customer Service at 1-866-721-6911, Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Customer Service Center for Purchasers of Hunting Licenses

A customer service center has been established to help purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses. The center is open from 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., Monday– Friday, except holidays. The customer service center phone number is 1-866-721-6911 or e-mail customerservice@dgif.virginia.gov. Representatives at the center will be available to answer questions about licensing, assist you in purchasing the licenses appropriate for your hunting or fishing outing, correct information on a current license or re-issue a lost license or hunter education certificate.

What License Do I Need?

Hunting

Unless license exempt, some type of hunting license is required. A hunting license may be one of the following: Sportsman's License, Hunting License, County or City Hunting License, Apprentice Hunting License, Junior Hunting, Junior Combination, Junior Lifetime, Lifetime, Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime, Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime, Senior Citizen or Nonresident 3-Day Trip.

Small Game

A hunting license is required. National Forest Stamp, or State Forest Stamp, if applicable, is also required.

Bear, Deer, and Turkey

A bear, deer, turkey license is required in addition to a hunting license. National Forest Stamp, State Forest Stamp, County Damage Stamp and Bonus Deer Permits, if applicable, are also required.

Archery

Archery License is required in addition to a hunting license if hunting with a bow and arrow (longbow, recurve or compound) during any archery season. National Forest Stamp, State Forest Stamp, County Damage Stamp and Bonus Deer Permits, if applicable, are also required.

Crossbow

Crossbow license is required in addition to a hunting license if hunting with a crossbow during any archery season. National Forest Stamp, State Forest Stamp, County Damage Stamp and Bonus Deer Permits, if applicable, are also required.

Muzzleloading

Muzzleloading license is required in addition to the hunting license if hunting with a muzzleloading firearm during any muzzleloader deer season. National Forest Stamp, State Forest Stamp, County Damage Stamp and Bonus Deer Permits, if applicable, are also required.

If hunting with archery tackle or muzzleloading rifle during the firearms deer season you do not need an archery, crossbow or muzzleloading license.

License Fees *The issuance fee is included in the prices below.*

Licenses are valid for one year from the date of purchase with two exceptions: the Deer, Bear, Turkey License and the Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp.

Resident Hunting Licenses

Sportsman's License (*16 years and older*)\$120.00
Includes hunting license, bear, deer, turkey license, archery license, crossbow license, muzzleloading license, freshwater fishing license and trout license

Hunting License (*16 years or older*) 18.00

County or City Hunting License (*16 years or older*)11.00
For county or city of residence only

Apprentice Hunting License11.00
Annual bear, deer, turkey license and all applicable licenses, stamps, or permits are required in addition to this license. See description on page 9.

Junior Hunting (*ages 12 to 15; optional for under 12 years old*)8.50

Junior Combination Hunting License (*under 16 years old*)16.00
Includes hunting license, bear, deer, turkey license, archery license, crossbow license, and muzzleloading license

Junior Lifetime Hunting License (*under age 12*)250.00
No annual bear, deer, turkey license required until age 12. National Forest Stamp, State Forest Stamp, County Damage Stamp and Bonus Deer Permits, if applicable, are required in addition to this license. Available through the Richmond office or by mail.

Lifetime Hunting License

Annual bear, deer, turkey license and all applicable licenses, stamps, or permits are required in addition to this license. Available through the Richmond office or by mail.

Age 12–44255.00
(*hunter education course required under age 16*)

Age 45–50205.00

Age 51–55155.00

Age 56–60105.00

Age 61–6455.00

Age 65 and over15.00

Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident10.00
Veteran Lifetime License

To hunt and freshwater fish (*available through the Richmond Office or by mail*).

Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License10.00
Available through the Richmond Office or by mail. Annual bear, deer, turkey license and all applicable licenses, stamps or permits are required in addition to this hunting license.

Senior Citizen Hunting License (*age 65 and over*)7.00
Annual bear, deer, turkey license and all applicable licenses, stamps or permits are required in addition to this license.

One or more of the following may be required in addition to a resident hunting license.

Bear, Deer, Turkey License (*age 16 years or older*)18.00
Not required if senior citizen's lifetime license was purchased before July 1, 1988. Not required for holders of Disabled Veterans Lifetime license. **Valid July 1–June 30**

Junior Bear, Deer, Turkey License **Valid July 1 through June 30.**
(*under 16 years old*)8.50

Archery License18.00

Crossbow License18.00

Muzzleloading License18.00

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Nonresident Hunting Licenses

Licenses are valid for one year from the date of purchase with two exceptions: the Deer, Bear, Turkey License and the Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp.

Hunting License (<i>16 years or older</i>)	.86.00
3-Day Trip License (<i>16 years or older</i>)	.46.00
Must be 3 consecutive hunting days; no Sunday hunting	
Apprentice Hunting License	.21.00
Annual bear, deer, turkey license and all applicable licenses, stamps, or permits may be required in addition to this license. See description on page 9.	
Youth Hunting License (<i>under age 12</i>)	.13.00
Youth Hunting License (<i>ages 12–15</i>)	.16.00
Youth Combination Hunting License (<i>under 16 years old</i>)	.31.00
Includes hunting license, bear, deer, turkey license, archery license, crossbow license, and muzzleloading license	
Nonresident Lifetime Hunting License	.505.00
Available through the Richmond office or by mail. Annual deer, bear, turkey license and all applicable licenses, stamps or permits are required in addition to this license	
Hunting (Shooting) Preserve	.18.00
To hunt within the boundaries of a licensed shooting preserve, in lieu of other required licenses.	

One or more of the following may be required in addition to a nonresident hunting license.

Bear, Deer, Turkey License Valid July 1 through June 30	
Age 16 years or older	.66.00
Age 12–15 years old	.16.00
Under 12 years old	.13.00
Archery License	.31.00
Crossbow License	.31.00
Muzzleloading License	.31.00

Trapping Licenses

One or more of the following is required to trap. Other licenses or permits may also be required..

County or City Resident Trapping License	.16.00
For county or city of residence	
Resident Trapping License	.41.00
Resident Junior Trapping License (<i>under 16 years old</i>)	.11.00
Resident Senior Citizen Trapping License (<i>age 65 and over</i>)	.7.00
Resident Senior Citizen Lifetime Trapping License (<i>age 65 or over</i>)	
Available through the Richmond Office or by mail.	
Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran	.10.00
Resident Lifetime Trapping License	
Available through the Richmond Office or by mail.	
Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime	.10.00
Trapping License	
Available through the Richmond Office or by mail.	
Nonresident Trapping License	.156.00

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Trapping

A Trapping License is required to trap. National Forest Stamp or State Forest Stamp, if applicable, are also required in addition to this license.

Waterfowl

A hunting license, Federal Duck Stamp and Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp is required. A National Forest Stamp or State Forest Stamp, if applicable, may also be required.

Lifetime Licenses

Resident and nonresident lifetime licenses are purchased by an application and require supporting documentation of age, residency and/or disability. They are issued only through the Richmond office. *Retail license agents cannot issue these licenses.* Applications can be submitted in person at the Richmond office or mailed in. License applications can be found on the Department's Web site at www.HuntFishVA.com or by calling customer service at 1-866-721-6911.

Replacement License

If you purchased a license from a retail license agent, such as a sporting goods store, you can request a replacement at any retail license agent.

If you purchased a license online, by phone, by mail, or from the Richmond office you will need to request a replacement from customer service by calling toll free 1-866-721-6911, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday (except holidays).

**Don't Make a Mistake.
Be Sure of Your Target and
Beyond.**

Q&A's

My son purchased a Resident Youth Combination License in October when he was 15. He turns 16 in March. Will his license still be good for Spring Turkey season and will he be able to hunt on the day set aside for the Youth Spring Turkey Hunt.

His hunting license will still be valid for the spring turkey season. However, he will not be able to hunt on the Youth Spring Turkey Hunt day because only hunters age 15 and younger are eligible.

Is my lifetime license valid if I move out of state?

Your lifetime license is still valid.

Miscellaneous Permits and Stamps

One or more of the following may be required in addition to a hunting license.

Permits:

Resident Bonus Deer Permit (2 antlerless tags)18.00
See page 24.

Nonresident Bonus Deer Permit (2 antlerless tags)31.00
See page 24.

National Forest Permit4.00
To hunt and trap within National Forests. Not required of residents under the age of 16 to trap; residents 65 and older who possess a valid license to hunt or trap.

State Forest Permit15.00
To hunt or trap on Appomattox-Buckingham, Cumberland, Prince Edward, Sandy Point and the Channels State Forests.

Public Access Lands for Sportsmen (PALS)18.00
See page 44 for more information

Stamps:

Resident County Damage Stamp1.00
To hunt deer, elk, and bear in Smyth County. Sold only by the Clerk of the County.
Not required of residents 65 years or older who possess a Resident Senior Citizen Annual License.

Nonresident County Damage Stamp5.00
To hunt deer, elk, and bear in Smyth County. Sold only by the Clerk of the County

Federal Migratory Bird Stamp15.00
To take migratory waterfowl, required of persons 16 years of age and over in addition to hunting license and sold at U.S. Post Offices or online at www.duckstamp.com

Valid July 1–June 30

Virginia Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp10.00
Required of persons 16 years of age and older, unless license exempt.

Valid July 1–June 30.

VIRGINIA APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE

The new apprentice hunting license serves as a first-time Virginia resident or nonresident hunting license and is good for 2 years.

The license holder must be accompanied and directly supervised by a mentor over 18 who has on his or her person a valid Virginia hunting license. "Accompanied and directly supervised" occurs when a person over 18 maintains a close visual and verbal contact with, provides adequate direction to, and can immediately assume control of the firearm from the apprentice hunter.

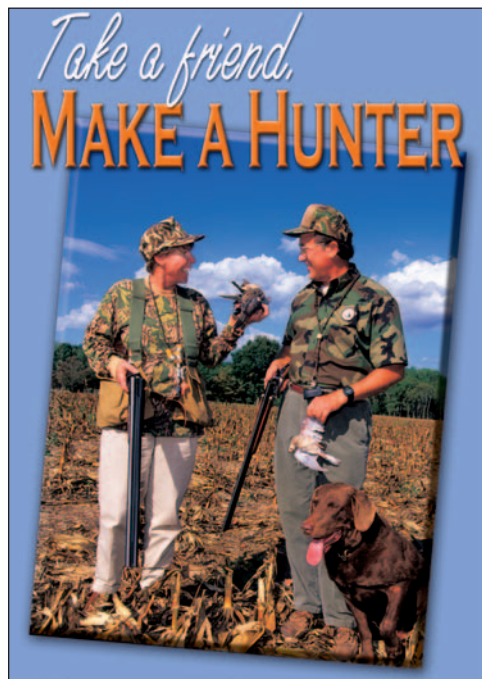
The license entitles the holder to a one-time deferral of the hunter education requirement.

The apprentice license does not qualify the holder to purchase a regular hunting license, nor exempt the holder from compliance with Department regulations.

A bear, deer, turkey license and all applicable stamps or permits are required in addition to the apprentice license.

Previous Virginia resident and nonresident hunting license holders may not use an apprentice license.

To learn more about the Virginia Apprentice Hunting License, call (866) 721-6911 or log on to www.HuntFishVA.com.



Definitions

Archery Tackle

As used in this digest archery tackle includes longbow, recurve bow, compound bows and crossbows.

Bait

Bait shall mean any food, grain, or other consumable substance that could serve as a lure or attractant; however, crops grown for normal or accepted agriculture or wildlife management purposes, including food plots, shall not be considered as bait.

Dismal Swamp Line

Beginning at a point on Rt. 10 where it intersects the Isle of Wight County line, then along this highway to its intersection with the corporate limits of Suffolk, then through Suffolk to its intersection with Rt. 642 (White Marsh Road) and then along this highway in a southwest direction to Rt. 604 (Desert Road), and then southerly along this highway to the North Carolina state line.

East & West of the Blue Ridge

The map below shows the counties that are east or west of the Blue Ridge. Counties colored blue are west of the Blue Ridge and those counties in white are east of the Blue Ridge.

Furbearer Species

Furbearers include beaver, bobcat, fox, mink, muskrat, otter, opossum, raccoon, skunk and weasel.

Game Species

Game animals include bear, bobcat, deer, fox, rabbit, raccoon and squirrel.

Hunting and Trapping

The act of or the attempted act of taking, hunting, trapping, pursuing, chasing, shooting, snaring or netting birds or animals, and assisting any person who is doing the same, regardless of whether birds or animals are actually taken.

Nonmigratory Game Birds

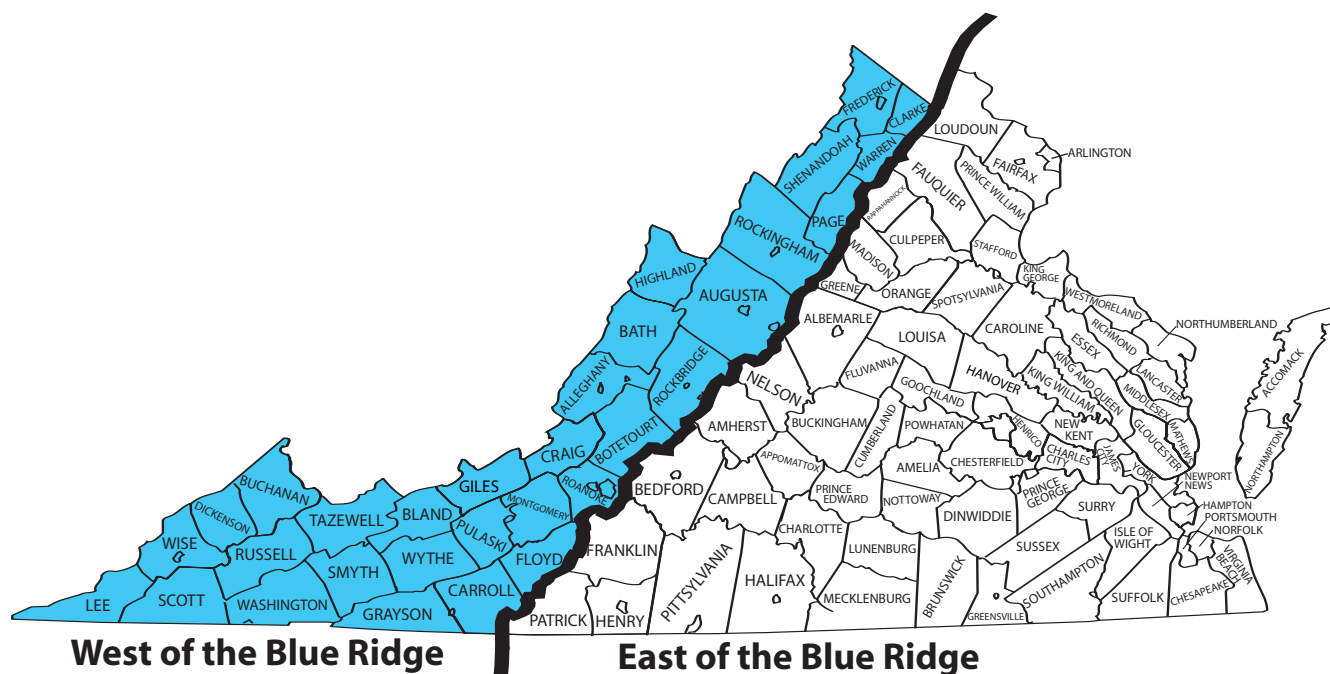
Nonmigratory game birds include grouse, pheasant, bobwhite quail and turkey.

Nuisance Species

The following animals: house mouse, Norway rat, black rat, coyote, groundhog, nutria, feral hog, European starling, English sparrow, mute swans and pigeon (rock dove) are designated as nuisance species and may be taken at any time (except on Sunday) by use of a firearm or other weapon and on some public lands during certain time periods, see National Forest–Game Department Regulations page 44.

Other Wildlife

It is unlawful to take, possess, transport or sell all other wildlife species not classified as game, furbearer or nuisance, unless otherwise specifically permitted by law or regulation.



Hunting on Private Property

Trespass violations, posting property and access issues are all concerns affecting landowner's considerations for allowing hunting.

Hunters are reminded that **it is unlawful to hunt on private property without the permission of the landowner** and hunters must have the permission of the landowner to track or retrieve wounded game on private property.

On Posted Property, it is unlawful to hunt without written permission of the landowner and is punishable by a fine of up to \$2500 and/or 12 months in jail.

Property not posted:

It is unlawful to hunt any unposted property without permission of the landowner and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Landowners may post their property by any of the following methods:

- Using a paint mark of aluminum color paint consisting of a vertical line at least 2 inches in width and at least 8 inches in length, no less than 3 feet and not more than 6 feet from the ground or normal water surface and visible when approaching the property.
- Signs which specifically prohibit hunting, fishing or trespassing on the property.

Detailed information on leasing, liability and posting can be found in Extension Publication # 420-035 entitled "A Landowner's Guide to Working With Sportsmen in Virginia." Available online at <http://www.ext.vt.edu/pubs/forestry/420-035/420-035.html>.

Report Wildlife Violations

1-800-237-5712

Hunting Hours

(See page 56 for sunrise-sunset table.)

- One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset for nonmigratory birds and game animals except during spring gobbler season.
- One-half hour before sunrise until 12 noon, during spring gobbler season except the last 12 days the hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset.
- One-half hour before sunrise to sunset for Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Day.
- Hours for bear hound training season are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 4 1/2 hours after sunset.
- Bobcat, foxes, raccoons, and opossums may be hunted by day or night during authorized seasons.
- Nuisance species may be taken day or night.

Blaze Orange Requirements

- When hunting any game species during the firearms deer season, every hunter or person accompanying a hunter shall wear a blaze orange hat or blaze orange upper body clothing that is visible from 360 degrees or display at least 100 square inches of solid blaze orange material at shoulder level within body reach and visible from 360 degrees. Hats may have a bill or brim color or design other than solid blaze orange. Hats shall not be in "camo" style, since the latter is designated to prevent visibility. A logo, which does not detract from visibility, may be worn on a blaze orange hat.
- Blaze orange is not required during the muzzleloading deer season(s) or by waterfowl hunters, individuals participating in hunting dog field trials, and fox hunters on horseback without firearms.
- Hunters hunting with archery tackle during an open firearms deer season, in areas where the discharge of firearms is prohibited by state law or local ordinance, are exempt from the blaze orange requirement.

Q&A

Can I retrieve game from another person's land without their permission?

No. You must have the permission to enter private property to retrieve game. Landowners are under no obligation to allow hunters to retrieve game from their land. Think about this before taking the shot.

Hunting With Dogs

- Dogs may be used to pursue wild birds and animals during hunting seasons where not prohibited.
- When the chase begins on other lands, fox hunters and coon hunters may follow their dogs on prohibited lands, and hunters of all other game, when the chase begins on other lands, may go upon prohibited lands to retrieve their dogs, but may not carry firearms or archery tackle on their persons or hunt any game while thereon. The use of vehicles to retrieve dogs on prohibited lands shall be allowed only with the permission of the landowner or his agent. Any person who goes on prohibited lands to retrieve his dogs must identify himself when requested by the landowner or his agent.
- Unlawful to use dogs when hunting any species with archery tackle during any archery season.
- Unlawful to chase with dogs or hunt with dogs or to attempt to chase or hunt with dogs any wild animal from a baited site or to train dogs on any wild animal from a baited site. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to place, distribute or maintain bait or salt for any wild animal for the purpose of chasing with dogs, hunting with dogs, or the training of dogs. A baited site will be considered to be baited for 30 days following the complete removal of all such bait or salt.
- It is unlawful to intentionally cripple or otherwise harm any game animal for the intent of continuing a hunt, or chase, or for the purpose of training dogs.

Upon treeing, baying, or otherwise containing an animal in a manner that offers the animal no avenue of escape, the person or the hunting party shall either harvest the animal if within a legal take season and by using lawful methods of take or terminate the chase by retrieving the dogs and allowing the animal freedom to escape for the remainder of the same calendar day.

- It is unlawful to dislodge an animal from a tree for the intent of continuing a hunt, or chase, or for the purpose of training dogs.

Training Dogs

The training of dogs on live wild animals is considered hunting and is unlawful during the closed season except as noted below.

- You must have a valid hunting license while training dogs on live wild animals.
- You may train dogs during daylight hours on rabbits and non-migratory game birds on private lands. Participants shall have no weapons other than starter pistols in their possession and no wild animals shall be taken. Weapons may be in possession when training dogs on captive raised and properly marked mallards and pigeons so that they may be immediately shot or recovered, except on Sunday.
- You may train dogs on National Forest or Department-owned lands only during authorized training seasons that specifically permit these activities.

For training dogs on military bases contact the appropriate base.

Fort A.P. Hill Game Check Station
(804) 633-8244

Fort Belvoir Outdoor Recreation
(703) 805-3688

Ft. Pickett Game Check Station
(434) 292-2618

Quantico Game Check Station
(703) 784-5523

- You may train dogs on quail on designated portions of the Amelia Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Chester F. Phelps WMA, Chickahominy WMA and Dick Cross WMA from September 1 to the day prior to the opening date of the quail hunting season, both dates inclusive. No weapons other than starter pistols may be in possession, and pen-raised birds may not be released.
- Pen-raised quail may be released at any time on private land with landowner permission. However, except on hunting (shooting) preserves, birds can only be shot during the regular quail season. Regular bag limits apply.
- You may train dogs during daylight hours on rabbits and non-migratory game birds on the Weston WMA from September 1 thru March 31, both dates inclusive. Participants in this dog training season shall have no weapons other than starter pistols in their possession, shall not release pen-raised birds, and must comply with all regulations and laws pertaining to hunting. No game shall be taken.
- Rifles may be used for taking wild animals and birds, except migratory game birds and waterfowl, and where prohibited by local ordinances.
- Rifles, pistols, and revolvers may be used for hunting crows, except where prohibited by local ordinances.
- Rifles, pistols, and revolvers may be used for hunting turkeys, except where prohibited by local ordinances.
- Pistols, revolvers and muzzleloading pistols may be used for small game except where prohibited by local ordinances.
- Muzzleloading shotguns, muzzleloading rifles or archery tackle may be used to hunt during the firearms seasons where not prohibited.
- Pistols and revolvers are lawful for deer and bear hunting only in those counties where hunting deer and bear with rifles is lawful. Cartridges used must be .23 caliber or larger and have a manufacturer's rating of 350 foot-pounds muzzle energy or more.
- Concealed handguns may be in the possession of hunters during the archery and muzzleloading seasons when they also possess a valid concealed handgun permit. Such handguns may not be used to shoot wild animals during these seasons.
- Archery tackle may be used for hunting wild birds and animals.

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Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment

Special restrictions may apply to specific firearms use in some counties. See Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- No restrictions on shot size except for spring gobbler season when it is unlawful to have any shot in possession larger than number 2 fine shot while hunting.
- Shotguns must not be larger than 10 gauge.
- Unplugged shotguns are legal for hunting non-migratory game.
- Shotgun barrels must be at least 18 inches long.
- Shotguns with rifled barrels are permitted in areas where slugs may be used.
- All game birds and animals, except deer, may be hunted with shotguns from boats. Hunters must have permission from the landowner to hunt/retrieve game located on private land.
- Rifles used for deer or bear must be .23 caliber or larger.

Q&A

I understand I can take the plug out of my shotgun and hunt any game animal or bird except ducks. Is this true?

You can remove your plug from your shotgun to hunt any non-migratory game bird or animal. You will need to have the gun plugged to hunt migratory game birds which includes doves, ducks, brant, geese, swan, coot, gallinules, rails, snipe, woodcock and other species of birds on which open hunting seasons are set by federal regulations which includes crow.

- Crossbows are legal to use by any hunter.
 - If a crossbow is used during an archery season (including the urban archery season) the hunter must have a crossbow license.
 - If a hunter chooses to use both conventional archery tackle and a crossbow during an archery season, they will need both an archery license when using the conventional bow and a crossbow license when using the crossbow.
 - If a hunter chooses to use a crossbow during the firearms season, no crossbow license will be required (just as there is no requirement for a person to have an archery license if using conventional archery equipment during the firearms season).
 - The laws governing the use of archery tackle also apply to crossbow tackle.

Unlawful Methods

Penalties may include hunting license revocation for one year to life and forfeiture of firearms.

A person found guilty of a violation a second time within three years of a previous conviction shall have their license revoked by the court trying the case.

It is unlawful to:

- **Hunt wild birds and wild animals with firearms or other weapons on Sunday, except on licensed shooting preserves. Raccoon hunters may hunt until 2:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.**
- Hunt migratory game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber, combined, unless allowed by Federal regulations and authorized by the Department.
- Discharge a firearm or archery tackle in or across or within the right-of-way of any public road.
- Cast a light attached to a vehicle or from a vehicle beyond a roadway upon places used by deer without written permission of the landowner or at any time while in the possession of a rifle, shotgun, pistol, archery tackle, or speargun.

Unlawful Feeding of Wildlife

Not only is it illegal to hunt, chase with dogs, or attempt to kill game birds and animals from a baited site, it is also illegal to feed some wildlife under certain circumstances. Feeding restrictions help control the transmission of diseases, nuisance problems, littering concerns, and enforcement issues about hunting with bait.

Unlawful to Feed Deer

September 1, 2008 – January 3, 2009:

It is unlawful for any person to place or distribute food, salt, minerals or similar substances, to feed or attract deer from September 1 through the first Saturday in January, both dates inclusive. Nor, upon written notification by Department personnel, shall any person continue to place or distribute any food, salt, mineral or similar substances for any purpose if the placement of these materials results in the attraction of and/or feeding of deer. No part of this regulation shall be construed to restrict bona fide agronomic plantings (including wildlife food plots) or distribution of food to livestock.

Unlawful to Feed Bears (anytime):

It is unlawful for any person to place or distribute food, minerals, carrion or similar substances to feed or attract bear. Nor, upon written notification by Department personnel, shall any person continue to place or distribute any food, mineral, carrion or similar substances for any purpose if the placement of these materials results in the presence of bear in such numbers or circumstances to cause annoyance or inconvenience to any person, cause property damage, or endanger any person or wildlife.

- Handle any firearm in a reckless manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.
- Destroy, mutilate, or take down “posted” signs or to litter.
- Hunt adjacent to forest fires.
- Willfully and intentionally impede the lawful hunting or trapping of wild birds or wild animals.
- Kill or cripple and knowingly allow any non-migratory game bird or game animal to be wasted without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal and retain it in possession.
- Hunt under age 12 without being accompanied and directly supervised by a licensed parent, guardian, or other adult designated by the parent or guardian. The term “accompanied and directly supervised” means the adult is within sight of the person under the age of 12.
- Hunt with an Apprentice Hunting License without being accompanied and directly supervised by a licensed adult over the age of 18. The term “accompanied and directly supervised” means the adult maintains close visual and verbal contact, provides adequate direction to, and can immediately assume control of the firearm.
- Shoot a rifle or pistol at wild birds or animals on or over the public inland waters of the state. However, licensed trappers may shoot a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or pistol on or over public inland waters for the purpose of dispatching trapped animals.
- Carry a loaded rifle or pistol on a boat or other floating device on public inland waters for hunting wild birds or animals.
- Shoot waterfowl or migratory game birds from a boat being propelled by a motor.
- Hunt while under the influence of intoxicants or narcotic drugs.
- Molest eggs, nest, den or young of any wild bird or animal, except nuisance species, at any time without a permit as required by law.
- Occupy any baited blind or other baited place for the purpose of taking or attempting to take any wild game bird or wild game animal or to put out bait

Responsibly Dispose of Your Deer Carcass and Unedible Deer Parts!

Enhance the image of the deer hunter.

Don't give hunters a bad name by leaving deer parts in public locations, in parking lots, in waterways, or along roads. If you are caught dumping a carcass or animal parts in these areas, you may be charged with littering.

or salt for the purpose of taking or killing any wild game bird or wild game animal, except for the purpose of trapping furbearing animals.

- Shoot or attempt to take any wild bird or animal from any vehicle, except as otherwise provided by law.
- Exceed the bag limit or possess over the daily limit of any wild bird or animal while in the forests, fields, or waters of this state.
- Use vehicles or possess firearms while retrieving dogs on private lands without permission of the landowner.
- Use live birds or animals to decoy or call game.
- Kill or attempt to kill any deer while in a boat or other type of watercraft.
- Hunt or attempt to kill or trap any species of wild bird or wild animal after having obtained the daily bag or season limit during such day or season. However, any properly licensed person, or a person exempt from having to obtain a license, who has obtained such daily

Shooting From the Road is Illegal

Shooting at wildlife from a vehicle and/or from or across a public road is illegal. Penalties include: fines, license revocation and confiscation of firearms.

All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Laws

No ATV shall be operated:

- On any public highway, or other public property, except as authorized by proper authorities or to the extent necessary to cross a public highway by the most direct route.
- By any person under the age of 16, except that children between the ages of 12 and 16 may operate ATVs powered by engines of no less than 70 nor more than 90 cubic centimeters displacement.
- By any person unless he is wearing a protective helmet of a type approved by the Superintendent of State Police for use by motorcycle operators.
- On another person's property without the written consent of the owner of the property or as explicitly authorized by law.
- With a passenger at any time, unless vehicle is designed and equipped to be operated with more than one rider.
- The above does not apply to members of the household or employees of the owner or lessee of private property on which the ATV is operated.

bag or season limit while hunting may assist others who are hunting game by calling game, retrieving game, handling dogs or conducting drives if the weapon in his possession is an unloaded firearm, a bow without a nocked arrow or an unloaded crossbow. Any properly licensed person, or person exempt from having to obtain a license, who has obtained such season limit prior to commencement of the hunt may assist others who are hunting game by calling game, retrieving game, handling dogs, or conducting drives, provided he does not have a firearm, bow or crossbow in his possession.

- Hold in captivity any live wild birds or wild animals outside the limits allowed by regulations without a permit.
- Alter, change, borrow or lend a hunting license or permit.
- Hunt with arrows to which any drug, chemical or toxic substance has been added or explosive-head arrows.
- Possess or transport any wild bird or wild animal or the carcass or the parts thereof, unless specifically allowed and only in accordance with regulations.
- Hunt wild birds and wild animals with fully automatic firearms, (i.e. machine guns).
- Sell or purchase any wild bird or wild animal carcass or parts thereof, except as specifically permitted by law.

- Virginia law specifies that it shall be unlawful for any person who has been convicted of a felony to knowingly and intentionally possess or transport any firearm. A muzzleloading firearm is considered a firearm under Virginia law. Any person prohibited from possessing, transporting, or carrying a firearm under this law may petition the circuit court of the jurisdiction in which he resides for a permit to possess or carry a firearm.
- Use radio tracking equipment, except on dogs or on raptors permitted by a falconry permit, to aid in the chase, harvest or capture of wildlife.

What Landowners Should Know

For landowners, finding responsible hunters can provide many benefits for both the landowner and sportsmen allowed access to the property. There are benefits of having responsible hunters included as an important part of the landowner's wildlife management plan, especially if they are absentee or do not hunt themselves. There are many in-kind benefits of such relationships including road maintenance, habitat improvement, security and safety. Reputable hunt clubs are also helpful, and lease fees can offset property taxes. Information on locating responsible hunters can be found by contacting local civic groups like Ruritans, or

4-H Clubs, sporting goods shops and area landowner contacts that participate in Tree Farm or Stewardship Programs. Members of sportsmen's conservation organizations that are dedicated reputable partners with VDGIF promote safety, ethics, habitat improvement and scientific management of wildlife. Visit their Web sites listed in the box to the right and contact statewide officers for local chapter members who would welcome the opportunity to develop a hunting partnership with you.

Liability

Concern about legal liability for recreationists prevents some landowners from permitting hunting on their property. However, the Virginia General Assembly has addressed this concern in Virginia Code Section 29.1-509. Amended in 1982, this law exempts landowners who provide recreational opportunities to the public from liability for injury or damages provided:

- the landowner does not charge a fee.
- there is no gross negligence or "willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use or structure" on the property.

The property owner should eliminate obvious hazards such as open wells and falling down buildings, or fence-off and identify with warning signs any hazard that cannot be eliminated, such as a rock quarry. The landowner may wish to consider insuring the property subject to casualty and obtain comprehensive liability insurance. These are relatively inexpensive additions to standard and homeowner insurance policies. Sportsmen can be asked to help provide financial or other support in return for permission to use the lands.

Fundamentally, sportsmen are responsible for their own safety and for any damages they cause to the property of others. Lease agreements and individual permit cards (sample available on Web site) include codes of ethical conduct while the holders are on the property. Furthermore, landowners can require sportsmen to show proof of insurance. Sportsman insurance is available through insurance companies and national sportsman organizations.

Working Together For Our Wildlife

The Department is pleased and honored to have the support of numerous non-profit conservation organizations that are dedicated to wildlife conservation and education. Through the involvement of thousands of citizen volunteers, as well as a financial commitment to a variety of agency projects, organizations such as the ones listed below have supported wildlife conservation efforts that benefit all Virginia sportsmen and women. We encourage everyone to support these organizations and to become active participants in one or more of these groups.

Ducks Unlimited www.ducks.org	United Eastern Virginia Coon Hunters Association
Izaak Walton League of America www.iwla.org	Virginia Bear Hunters Association www.virginiabearhunters.org
National Wild Turkey Federation www.vanwtf.com	Virginia Bowhunters Association www.geocities.com/~vbarchers
Quail Unlimited www.qu.org	Virginia Deer Hunters Association www.virginiadeerhunters.org
Quality Deer Management www.qdma.com	Virginia Peninsula Sportsmen's Association www.vpsa.org
Ruffed Grouse Society www.ruffedgrousesociety.org	Virginia Trappers Association www.virginiatrappers.org
Safari Club International Foundation www.safariclub.org	Virginia Waterfowlers Association www.vawfa.org
Southwest Virginia Coon Hunters Federation	Waterfowl USA www.waterfowlusa.org
Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia www.swmnv.com	Western Virginia Deer Hunters Association www.wvdha.com
Traditional Bowhunters of Virginia www.geocities.com/tradbowa	



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Local Firearms Ordinances

The following counties and cities have regulations concerning the use and transportation of firearms. The number or numbers following that county name indicate the regulations listed below for that particular county. In addition, certain counties have ordinances other than those listed, primarily pertaining to possession of firearms near parks or schools, hunting or discharging firearms near populated areas, residences, or buildings and age limitations for possession of loaded firearms on public roads. If a locality is not listed, state firearms restrictions apply (see Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment on page 12).

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1. No discharge of firearms except on approved ranges.
2. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting.
3. Unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading shotgun loaded with slugs or sabot slugs.
4. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting except groundhogs.
5. Lawful to hunt groundhogs with rifles of a caliber larger than .22 rim-fire during the season between March 1 and August 31.
6. No rifles larger than .22 for hunting except groundhogs outside of the regular hunting season.
7. No rifles for deer hunting.
8. No rifles for big game hunting.
9. No hunting with shotguns loaded with slugs.
10. No hunting of big game with shotguns loaded with slugs.
11. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a firearm on or within the ditch line of any primary or secondary highway.
12. It is lawful to use muzzleloading rifles for game animals in the regular hunting season.
13. It is lawful to hunt deer with muzzleloading rifles only from stands elevated 10 feet.
14. It is unlawful to hunt from the road with firearms.
15. It is unlawful to hunt with firearms from the road and within 10 feet of the ditch bank.
16. It is unlawful to hunt within 50 feet of the road.
17. Muzzleloading rifles are permitted during any authorized deer season where firearms are permitted.
18. It is unlawful to hunt with a firearm within 100 yds. of a road.
19. It is unlawful to transport, possess or carry a loaded rifle in any vehicle while on the road from October 1 through February 15.
20. It shall be unlawful to discharge or shoot any firearm or other weapon in or along any public road or street or within 100 yards thereof or within 100 yards of any building occupied or used as a dwelling or place where the public gathers, not his own dwelling or residence.
21. It is unlawful to transport or possess a loaded shotgun or loaded rifle on the road from October 1 through Feb. 15.
22. It is unlawful to possess a loaded firearm on the road except when permission to hunt is obtained from landowners on each side.
23. It is unlawful to transport or possess a loaded shotgun or loaded rifle on the road from sundown to sunrise.

24. No rifles over .22 caliber for hunting except for groundhogs between March 1 and August 31.
25. No hunting with firearms of game species from within 100 yds. of a road.
26. No hunting with firearms of any game animal from the road right of way.
27. No hunting with firearms from the road including ditch to ditch.
28. No hunting with a rifle larger than .22 caliber or shotgun slugs during the deer season.
29. When 100 yds. from a road and elevated from a stand 15 ft. above ground a rifle may be used to hunt big game east of the Dismal Swamp line.
30. It is unlawful to carry a loaded firearm on the road or on the right-of-way.
31. All hunting within the City of Hampton is prohibited, with the exception of shotgun hunting from a licensed blind. No shot larger than 00 buckshot may be used, and no shot shall be discharged landward within 500 feet of the shoreline.
32. It is lawful to hunt deer with muzzleloading rifles only from stands elevated at least 10 feet above the ground; however, this requirement shall be expressly inapplicable to all legally handicapped persons.
33. The use of a muzzleloading rifle shall be permitted during the early muzzleloading season and during the entire regular firearm season for deer hunting.
34. It is unlawful to transport or possess a loaded shotgun or rifle in a vehicle on a road during open deer season.
35. It shall be unlawful to possess outside of a vehicle, or shoot or hunt with a rifle, muzzleloader, pistol, or shotgun loaded with slugs, or to possess shotgun slugs on Ragged Island Wildlife Management Area in Isle of Wight County. In addition, it shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm within 100 yards of the boardwalk or nature trail on Ragged Island Wildlife Management Area.
36. It is unlawful to discharge a firearm from or across any sidewalk, highway or on public land.
37. It is unlawful for minors to carry firearms on public highways or public lands unless accompanied by certain adults.
38. It shall be unlawful to use any ammunition larger than .22 rimfire while hunting, except rifles up to .25 may be used to hunt groundhogs from March 1 to September 1 with written permission from the landowner.
39. It shall be lawful to use muzzleloading rifles for deer and squirrels during the regular seasons.
40. It shall be unlawful to discharge a rifle larger than .22 caliber, a muzzleloader larger than .36 caliber, or a shotgun loaded with slugs except from stands elevated at least 10 feet above the ground, except for groundhogs in certain areas between March 1 and September 1.
41. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle at anytime.
42. It shall be unlawful to use a rifle of a caliber larger than .22 rimfire except that groundhogs may be hunted with a rifle of a caliber larger than .22 rimfire between March 1 and August 31.
43. It shall be unlawful to hunt with a firearm on or within 50 feet of the center of any primary and secondary highway.
44. ***East of the Dismal Swamp Line*** (see page 10 for definition of line) Rifles, including muzzleloading rifles, are permitted for big game hunting when used from stands elevated 15 feet above the ground (except legally handicapped hunters are exempt from tree stand requirements); no special early or late muzzleloader seasons in effect.
West of the Dismal Swamp Line (see page 10 for definition of line) No rifles for big game hunting. However, when hunting from a stand 10 feet above the ground (except legally handicapped hunters are exempt from tree stand requirements) muzzleloading rifles are lawful for game species during all open seasons, including special muzzle-loading deer seasons.

Q&A

How close to a public road may I legally hunt?

It is illegal to discharge a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow into, across, or within, the right-of-way of any public road. Some localities have additional restrictions. If not listed in this section you may want to contact a local official where you plan to hunt.

45. All rifles, pistols, or shotguns loaded with slugs prohibited for any hunting.
46. Discharging firearms or air-operated or gas-operated weapons prohibited within certain areas: check local county/city ordinances.
47. No discharge of rifles larger than .22 except on approved ranges.
48. Muzzleloading rifles permitted during the special muzzleloading season.
49. Muzzleloading rifles are permitted during any authorized firearms season for the hunting of game animals except for the hunting of turkeys during the spring gobbler season.
50. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt in the county with a shotgun loaded with slugs or a muzzleloading rifle other than during the prescribed open season for the hunting of big game species.
52. It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm or air gun of .177 caliber or larger within any densely populated area; within 100 yards from any structure or within 100 yards from any public street, secondary road or highway within the city, except on a permitted firing range or at or upon the property of another without permission.
53. It is lawful to hunt deer with muzzleloading rifles.
54. It is unlawful to transport, possess, or carry a loaded rifle or shotgun in any vehicle on any public street, road or highway.
55. It shall be unlawful for any person in the town, except a duly authorized officer in the course of his duty, to

- fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearms of any kind.
56. No discharge of firearms across or within 150 yards of any building, dwelling, street, sidewalk, alley, roadway, public land, or public place.
 57. No discharge of firearms north or west of a line from the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach boundary; thence northwardly along North Landing Road; thence eastwardly along Indian River Road; thence northeastwardly along New Bridge Road; thence eastwardly along Sandbridge Road to the Atlantic Ocean, or across any land north of False Cape Park and east of Shipp's Bay and Point Creek. No discharge of rifles larger than .22 south of this line except muzzleloading rifles may be used to hunt deer during the firearms deer season.
 58. Shotguns firing pellets lawful on certain agricultural lands of 50 contiguous acres or more, and on certain lands south of a line from the Chesapeake-Virginia Beach boundary, thence northeastwardly along Elbow Road; thence southeastwardly along Salem Road; thence northeastwardly along North Landstown Road; thence southeastwardly along Princess Anne Road; thence eastwardly along Sandbridge Road to the Atlantic Ocean. The property must be permitted by the City Manager for this purpose.
 59. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or shoot off a firearm in the county. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge or shoot or throw any dangerous missiles by mechanical, explosive, air- or gas-propelled means, or similar method or device onto or across any public sidewalk, path, or roadway, at any public structure or building, or at or onto the property of another. It is unlawful for any person to shoot a compound bow, crossbow, longbow, or recurve bow at or upon the property of another without permission. It shall be unlawful to discharge a projectile from any of the aforementioned bows within 100 yards of any public road, public building or structure, private residence or structure, or property of another. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the use of firearms or other instruments or missiles or compound bows, crossbows, longbows, or recurve bows in lawful self defense or in the lawful defense of property, or to prohibit the use of firearms or other missiles or compound bows, crossbows, longbows, or recurve bows in supervised sport, recreation, or training conducted on safety-inspected and approved ranges and courses, provided the same is not contrary to existing law.
 60. It is lawful to hunt deer with rifles from stands elevated at least 10 feet above the ground during the regular hunting season.
 61. It is unlawful to hunt or attempt to hunt on a primary or secondary state maintained highway, and within the side ditches of such highways.
 62. Discharging firearms is prohibited within certain areas (check local county ordinance for area description), except deer hunting is permitted with handguns, shotguns, or muzzleloading rifles using a single projectile and all other hunting is allowed with rifles of .22 caliber rimfire or less, handguns, shotguns, and muzzleloading rifles using single or multiple projectiles.
 63. The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 50 yards of a highway in the primary or secondary system of state roads.
 64. Discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of any public park or school.
 65. Discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of a building with a current occupancy permit unless the owner or authorized agent has given permission.
 66. Muzzleloaders shall be legal firearms during any firearms season.
 67. Shotgun slugs shall be permitted for deer hunting.
 68. It shall be unlawful for any person to transport, possess or carry a loaded shotgun, rifle, pistol, or firearm of any nature in any vehicle or on his person over, along or on any public street, road or highway in the city.
 69. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge an air gun, spring gun or firearm from, along, across or toward, or within 300 yards of any paved public street, highway or road or any building in the city.
 70. It shall be lawful to hunt game species with a muzzleloading rifle during the prescribed open seasons.
 71. The discharge or use of a rifle, except for a .22 caliber rim fire is prohibited within the city limits.
 72. The use of muzzleloading rifles during the prescribed open seasons for the hunting of game species is permitted in the city; provided, however, that the use of such muzzleloading rifle shall be only from a stand located at least 10 feet above the ground.
 73. No rifles for turkey hunting.
 74. Unlawful to hunt deer during the regular hunting season with a rifle of .23 caliber or larger either on public lands or in the area of the County bordered to the north by the James River, to the west by Route 602 from the Willis River, and to the south by Route 45 and Route 684 to the County line (*generally known as Cartersville Historic District*); except from a tree stand elevated at least 10 feet above the ground. It shall be lawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle from the ground or from a tree stand elevated to any height.

Q&A

My county prohibits the use of a rifle larger than .22 rimfire. Can I use a .204 centerfire rifle as it is a smaller caliber than a .22?

No. The .204 would not be legal in your county. The .22 rimfire designation restricts both the caliber and the powder load with the word rimfire. The .204 is a centerfire.

Bear, Deer and Turkey Tag Validation and Checking Requirements

Validation of Bear, Deer and Turkey Tags

- All hunters killing a bear, deer, or turkey, unless the hunter is license exempt, are required to validate an appropriate tag on their bear, deer, turkey license (big game license), bonus deer permit, or special permit (DCAP, DMAP) at the place of kill prior to moving the animal in any way. To validate a tag, successful hunters must completely remove the designated notch area from the appropriate license or permit tag.
- DO NOT detach license or permit tags to attach to the animal. Validation only requires the removal of the designated notch area from the appropriate license or permit tag.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to validate (notch) a bear, deer, or turkey tag from any license or special permit prior to the killing of an animal. **A tag that is mistakenly validated (notched) prior to the killing of an animal must be immediately voided by the licensee or permittee by writing, in ink, the word "VOID" on the line provided on the tag.**
- Hunters killing an elk are required to validate an appropriate deer tag.

Checking Bear, Deer, Elk and Turkey

- Bear, deer, elk and turkey must be checked by all successful hunters, including license exempt hunters, upon vehicle transport of the carcass or at the conclusion of legal hunting hours, whichever occurs first and without unnecessary delay.
- All deer and spring turkeys must be checked at either a check station, or by using the telephone or the Internet.
- All fall turkeys must be checked at a check station so that feather samples may be collected. Fall turkeys cannot be checked through the telephone or Internet checking system.
- All bears must be checked at an official bear check station. Bears cannot be checked through the telephone or Internet checking system.
- Elk must be checked at a check station. Elk cannot be checked through the telephone or Internet checking system.
- It is unlawful to destroy the identity (sex) of any bear, deer, elk or turkey until it is checked. After an appropriate tag has been validated (notched), successful bear, deer and elk hunters are allowed to dismember the carcass to pack it out from the place of kill as long as they do not destroy the identity of the sex and all the parts of the carcass

(excluding internal organs) are present when the animal is checked

- Deer checked by telephone or Internet, with the proper confirmation number, are eligible to be entered in the Eastern or Western Regional Big Game Contest or the Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show.
- Spring turkeys checked by telephone or Internet, with the proper confirmation number, are eligible to be entered in the Eastern or Western Regional Big Game Contest. All turkeys must have a certified weight to be entered.

Check Stations for Bear, Deer and Turkey

- Check station locations are listed on the Department Web site at www.HuntFishVA.com or call a Department Office listed on page 3.
- Hunters checking bear, deer, elk and turkeys at a check station will be given a check card furnished by the Department. The successful hunter shall then immediately write the check card number in ink on the line labeled "check card or confirmation number" of the tag that was validated (notched) at the place of kill.
- Black bears must be checked at an official black bear check station. The location of the check stations can be obtained from the Internet

<p>VA RESIDENT BEAR - DEER - TURKEY</p> <p>Before moving game from place of kill, license must be notched in the appropriate area. Game must be checked at authorized check stations. Deer and spring gobblers may be checked toll free at 1-866-GOT-GAME (468-4263).</p> <p>HUNTING LICENSE ALSO REQUIRED</p>	<p>DO NO REMOVE 2007-08</p> <p>DEER EITHER SEX X5200185200</p> <p>Check Card or Confirmation Number</p>	<p>1. Remove the designated notch area from the appropriate tag on license prior to moving the animal in any way. Do not remove the tag from your license.</p> <p>2. Check your deer or spring turkey by calling 1-866-468-4263, go on the Internet at www.HuntFishVA.gov, or take it to a check station. Bears, elk, and fall turkeys must be checked at a check station.</p> <p>3. Write the check card number or the confirmation number (from telephone or Internet checking) in ink on the license tag next to the notch.</p>
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- (<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/checkstations/bear/>), any check station, Conservation Police Officer, or Department office. In counties without established bear check stations, successful hunters may transport their kill to a bear check station in an adjoining county or may have the bear checked by a Conservation Police Officer or Wildlife Division staff member. Department staff can be reached by calling (804) 367-1258 or the nearest Department office. It is mandatory for the successful bear hunter to remove or allow to be removed a premolar (tooth) from the carcass. This tooth shall be sealed in the envelope attached to the check card and left with the Check Station operator.
- The check card must be kept in possession with the carcass until the carcass is processed.
 - If the carcass of an animal that was checked at a check station is left unattended, the check card must be securely attached to the carcass.
 - Hunters needing a copy of a lost check card should call the appropriate Department region office listed on page 3.

Telephone and Internet Checking for Deer and Spring Turkey

- When using the telephone checking system:
 - Successful hunters can check their kill by calling a toll-free number, 1-866-GOT-GAME (468-4263).
 - Only touch-tone phones may be used (rotary phones will not work).
- When using the Internet checking system:
 - Successful hunters can check their kill by visiting www.HuntFishVA.com and clicking on Hunting, then under Links click Check Game Online.
 - Hunters have the option of printing a check card at the end of Internet-checking sessions.
- Only deer (except elk) and spring turkey may be checked using telephone or Internet checking.
- Before using either the telephone or Internet checking system, you will need your big game license, a pen and a

piece of paper to record your confirmation number. If you are exempt from purchasing a big game license, you will need your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number.

- Follow the instructions and provide the requested information.
 - You will be given a confirmation number at the end of the telephone or Internet session. Write it down. Licensed hunters must then immediately write this confirmation number, in ink, on the line labeled "check card or confirmation number" of the tag that was validated. **When using the telephone or Internet checking system, be sure that the confirmation number is a letter followed by ten digits. If your telephone or Internet checking session is cut off or your confirmation number is not complete, start the session again and repeat steps until the complete confirmation number is obtained.**
 - Bucks that have shed their antlers are considered antlerless deer and may be tagged with an antlerless only deer tag, *but for the process of checking in these shed-antlered bucks on the telephone and internet checking systems, they should be checked in as an antlered deer with zero antler points.*
- The telephone deer checking system will only accept antlered bucks with up to 29 antler points. If you kill a buck with more than 29 points and check in by telephone, just enter antler points as 29.
- Hunters checking two deer on the same day may get the same confirmation number for both animals. This is okay.

Carcass Transferred or Unattended

- If the kill is reported using the telephone or Internet checking system by a hunter who validated a tag, no personal check card is required as long as the hunter is in possession of the carcass. However, if the carcass is transferred to the possession of another individual or left unattended, a personal check card or Internet check card must be created and kept in possession with the carcass until the carcass is processed. If the carcass is left unattended, the personal

check card or Internet check card must be securely attached to the carcass.

- License-exempt hunters: If the kill is reported using the telephone or Internet checking system by a hunter who is license exempt (for example, a landowner who did not have a license tag to validate at the place of kill), the successful hunter must create a personal check card or print an Internet check card. The personal check card or Internet check card must be kept in possession with the carcass until the carcass is processed. If the carcass is left unattended, the personal check card or Internet check card must be securely attached to the carcass.

Personal Check Card

An animal reported using the telephone or Internet checking system will require the creation of a personal check card if:

1. The hunter is license exempt.
2. The carcass is transferred to someone else.
3. The carcass is left unattended.

The personal check card may be written on any type of paper using a pen and must include the hunter's full name, date of kill and the telephone confirmation number. A check card printed from the Internet may be used in place of a personal check card.

Q&A

What are the checking requirements and bag limits for a person exempt from purchasing a hunting license, such as a landowner?

A license exempt hunter must follow the same checking requirements and bag limits of a licensed hunter with the exception of notching a license tag. If you take the carcass to a check station, inform the clerk that you are license exempt and they will provide a big game check tag. If checking a deer or spring turkey by phone, when prompted for a license number use your driver's license, the last four digits of your social security number, or state identification card.

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Bear Hunting

Bag Limits:

One per license year, at least 100 pounds live weight or 75 pounds dressed weight (all internal organs removed). Females with cubs may not be harvested.

Archery Bear Season

October 11–November 8: Statewide

Legal Methods and Restrictions

Special restrictions apply to archery tackle use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 for details.

- Archery tackle (includes crossbows) only.
- Broadhead widths must be at least $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch wide or expand upon impact to $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch.
- Bows must be capable of propelling a broadhead arrow at least 125 yards.
- Unlawful to use arrows to which any drug, chemical, or toxic substance has been added or explosive head arrows.
- Unlawful to have a firearm in possession.
- Unlawful to use dogs.

Q&A

Can I use archery tackle during the muzzleloader season for bear?

No. Only a single shot muzzleloading rifle that is .45 caliber or larger, loaded from the muzzle of the gun can be used.

Muzzleloader Bear Season

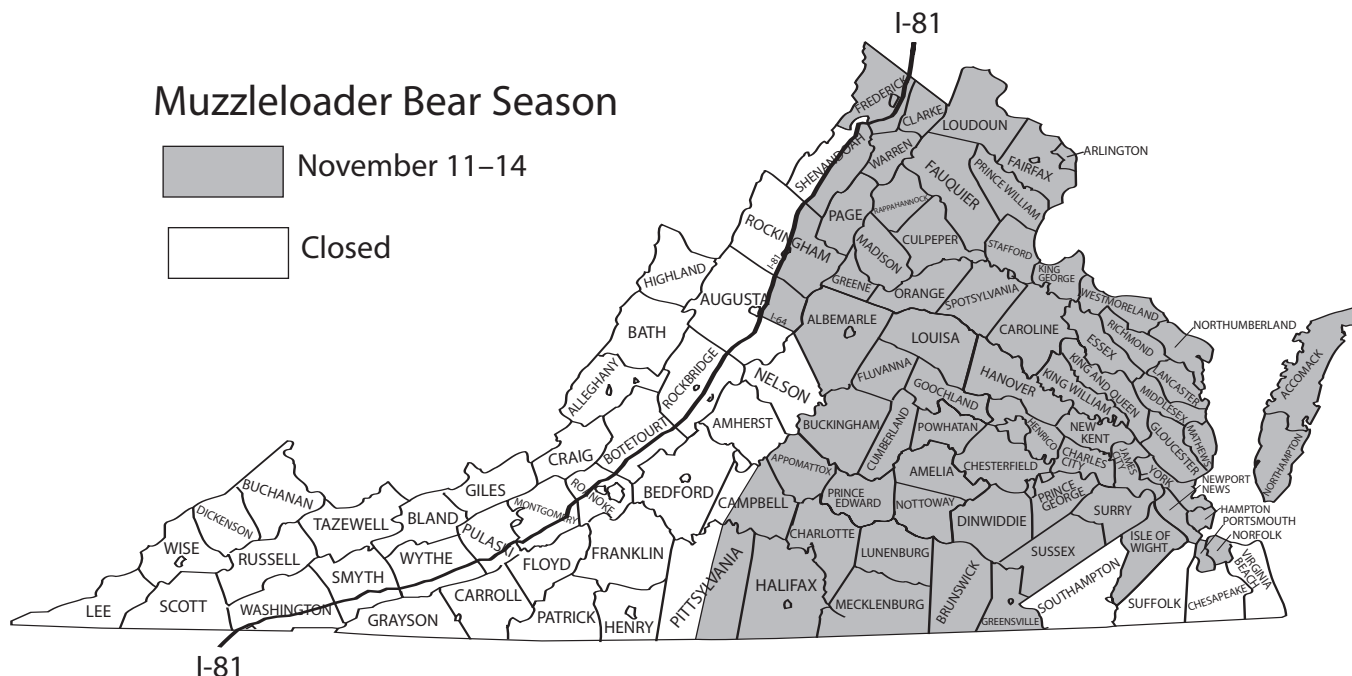
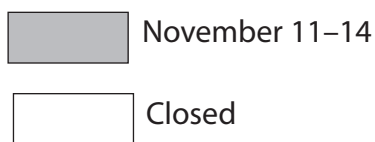
November 11–14: Certain counties, see map below

Legal Methods and Restrictions

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Only muzzleloading firearms, .45 caliber or larger, loaded from the muzzle of the gun.
- Muzzleloading firearms must be single shot, flintlock or percussion ignition, excluding muzzleloading pistols.
- Must be capable of firing only a single bullet or sabot bullet (.38 caliber or larger).
- Unlawful to have in immediate possession any firearm other than a muzzleloading gun while hunting with a muzzleloader.
- Unlawful to use muzzleloading pistols.
- Must use at least 50 grains of black powder or black powder equivalent.
- Smokeless powder is allowed in muzzleloading weapons designed for it. **Never use smokeless powder of any type in any quantity in a muzzleloading firearm that is not specifically designed for it.**
- Scopes are permitted.
- For the purposes of transportation in a vehicle, muzzleloading firearms are considered “unloaded” when all powder has been removed from the flashpan, or the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple. For complete safety, a muzzleloader should be emptied by shooting into soft ground.
- Unlawful to hunt bear with dogs.

Muzzleloader Bear Season



Firearms Bear Seasons



December 1-13

In the counties of Buchanan, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Grayson, Henry, Lee, Montgomery (south of I-81), Patrick, Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Pulaski (south of I-81), Roanoke (south of I-81), Russell, Scott, Smyth (south of I-81), Tazewell (north of Rt. 19 and west of Rt. 16), Washington (south of I-81 or west of Rt. 19), Wise and Wythe (south of I-81), and on the Clinch Mountain and Hidden Valley Wildlife Management Areas and The Channels State Forest.



November 24-January 3.

In the counties of Albemarle, Alleghany, Amherst, Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Culpeper, Craig, Giles, Greene, Highland, Madison, Montgomery (north of I-81), Nelson, Page, Pulaski (north of I-81), Rappahannock, Roanoke (north of I-81), Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Smyth (north of I-81), Tazewell (south of Rt. 19 or east of Rt. 16), Warren, Washington (that part north of I-81 which is east of Rt. 19), Wythe (north of I-81).

Exception

- Clinch Mountain and Hidden Valley Wildlife Management Areas (see December 1-13 season)



October 1-January 3

In the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk and Virginia Beach.



Closed

In the counties of Accomack, Amelia, Appomattox, Arlington, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell (east of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Caroline, Charles City, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Clarke, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex,

Fairfax, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Gloucester, Goochland, Greensville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Orange, Pittsylvania (east of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Prince William, Richmond, Southampton, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Surry, Sussex, Westmoreland, York and the cities of Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Legal Methods and Restrictions

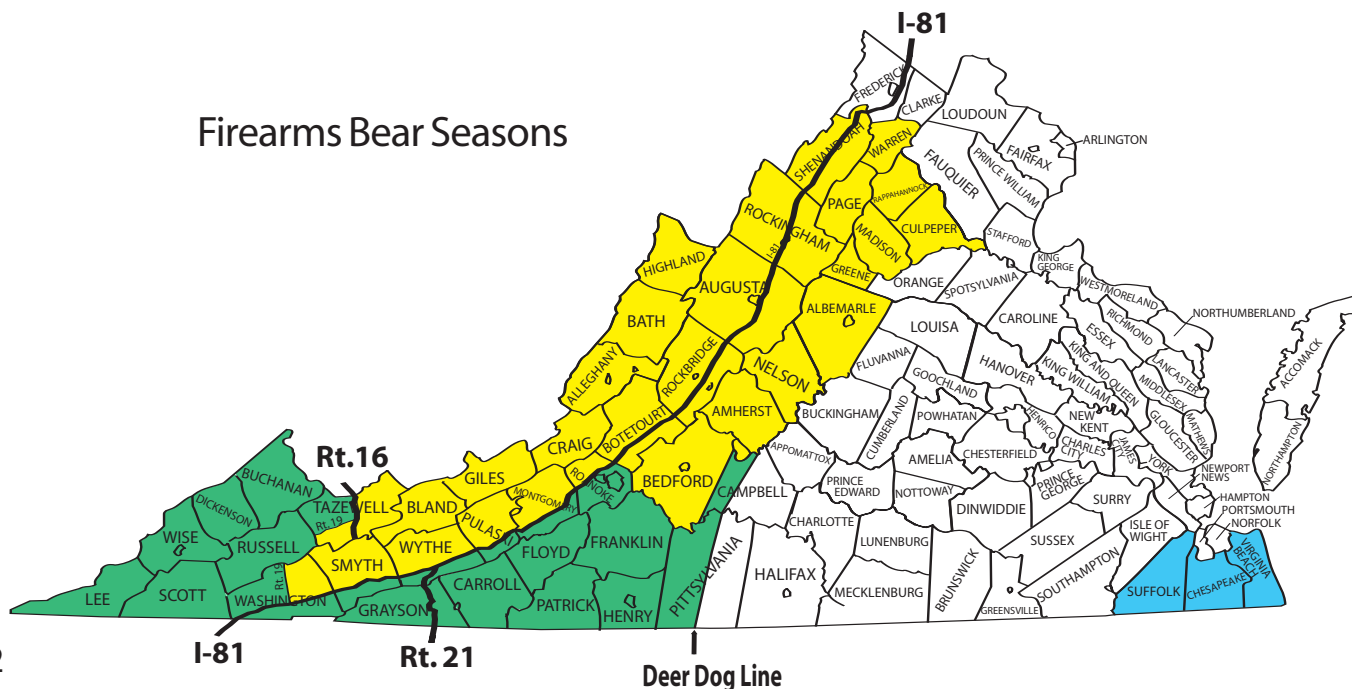
Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Modern firearms
- Archery tackle (including crossbows)
- Muzzleloading firearms

Dogs May Not Be Used to Hunt Bear:

- During the firearms deer season in the counties west of the Blue Ridge and in the counties of Amherst (west of Rt. 29), Bedford, and Nelson (west of Rt. 151).
- During the first 12 hunting days of the firearms deer season in Madison and Greene counties.
- In the counties of Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Carroll (east of the New River), Floyd, Franklin, Grayson (east of the New River), Henry, Montgomery (south of I-81), Patrick, Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Pulaski (south of I-81) Roanoke (south of I-81) and Wythe (southeast of the New River or that part bounded by Route 21 on the west, Interstate 81 on the north, the county line on the east, the New River on the southeast and Cripple Creek on the south).
- When hunting during the archery or muzzleloading bear seasons.

Firearms Bear Seasons



Bear Checking

All bears must be checked at an official bear check station. Locations for bear check stations are available on the DGIF Web site at <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/checkstations/bear/> or by calling 1-804-367-1000. There are check stations in all counties except for Accomack, Arlington, Brunswick, Caroline, Charles City, Dinwiddie, Essex, Fairfax, Goochland, Greensville, Hampton, Hanover, Henrico, James City, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Newport News, Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Portsmouth, Prince George, Richmond City, Westmoreland and York.

Bear information will need to be recorded on Black Bear Check Cards. There is no longer a combined check card for Bear, Deer, and Turkey. Do not record information on Deer and Turkey Check Card. Tooth collection is mandatory and the tooth envelope is part of the new Black Bear Check Card.

The Department no longer requires affixing a nose seal to the bear carcass at check stations.

Look Up the Age of Your Harvested Bear Online!

Sportsmen are required to remove a small tooth from the bear they harvest to submit with their check cards each year. In the past, when the statewide bear kill was much lower than today, a notice was mailed to successful hunters with the age of the bear. Although the Agency no longer sends out notices, hunters with Internet access can now find out the age of the bear they harvested through the Department's Web site. Hunters will be asked to provide the following information as submitted on the bear check card; first initial, last name, month and year of kill, and county of kill.

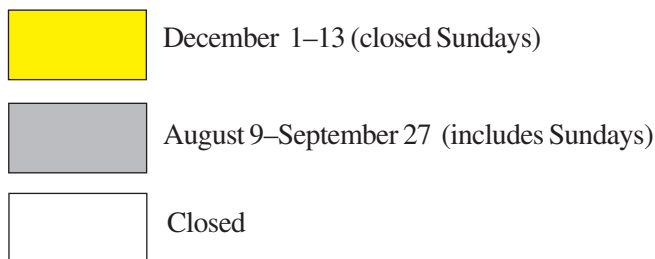
Age data will be available by request and online 9 to 10 months after the harvest. Please do not request the age of your bear before the September following the harvest season.

Hunters will be able to view records from multiple years. This site can be accessed by going to: www.HuntFishVA.com/wildlife/bear/age.

Hunters without Internet access can request this information by calling 804-367-8001.

Bear Hound Training Season

NO BLACK BEAR MAY BE TAKEN DURING THIS SEASON.



Hours

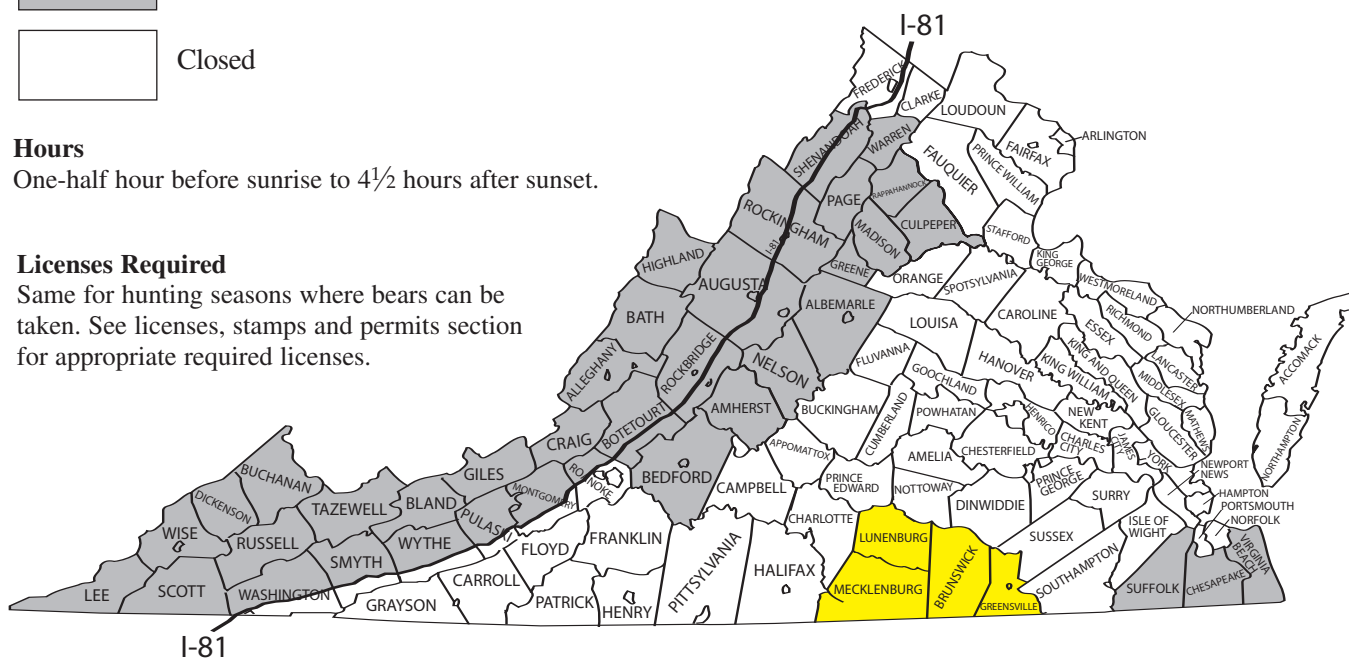
One-half hour before sunrise to 4½ hours after sunset.

Licenses Required

Same for hunting seasons where bears can be taken. See licenses, stamps and permits section for appropriate required licenses.

Unlawful Methods:

- To have in possession a firearm, bow, or other weapon which is capable of taking black bear. Possession shall include, but not be limited to, having any bow, firearm, or other weapon in or on one's person, vehicle or conveyance.



Deer Hunting

General Information

Do Not Feed Deer

Department regulation makes it illegal to place or distribute food, salt or minerals to feed or attract deer from September 1 through January 3, statewide. This prohibition does not include the planting of agronomic crops or wildlife food plots.

Bag Limits:

East of the Blue Ridge (except on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties)

The bag limit for deer shall be two a day, six a license year. Of the six deer limit, no more than three may be antlered deer and at least three must be antlerless deer.

West of the Blue Ridge and on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, and Nelson counties

The bag limit for deer shall be one a day and five a license year. Of the five deer limit, no more than two may be antlered deer and at least three must be antlerless deer.

- Only one antlered deer may be taken during the early muzzleloader season per muzzleloader hunter.
- If a hunter kills two antlered deer in **Shenandoah County**, at least one of the antlered deer must have at least 4 antler points, 1 inch or longer, on one side.

Earn a Buck (EAB)

At least one antlerless deer must be taken on private lands in Bedford, Fairfax, Fauquier, Franklin, Loudoun, Patrick, Prince William, or Roanoke counties before the second antlered deer of the license year may be taken on private lands in any of these counties. Furthermore, at least two antlerless deer must have been taken on private lands in Bedford, Fairfax, Fauquier, Franklin, Loudoun, Patrick, or Prince William counties before the third antlered deer of the license year may be taken on private lands in any of these counties. For more information go to page 31 or online at www.HuntFishVA.com.

Bag Limit Exceptions

- Deer hunters, including those exempt from purchasing a license, on private land and authorized public lands may take more than the license-year bag limit by using bonus deer permits or special permits (DCAP and DMAP). See Bonus Deer Permits box on this page
- DCAP and DMAP tags do not count against the daily or season bag limit.



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click on Find Game

Bonus Deer Permits

- ◆ Are valid for antlerless deer only.
- ◆ Are not restricted to the number that may be purchased and used.
- ◆ Allow deer to be taken in addition to the license year bag limit.
- ◆ Do not allow daily bag limit to be exceeded.
- ◆ Are valid only on private lands and authorized public lands.
- ◆ Are not valid on National Forest and Department-owned lands.
- ◆ Are not valid in Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise counties.
- ◆ Are valid during the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms deer seasons.
- ◆ Are valid only on designated either-sex deer hunting days.

Hunters for the Hungry

Hunters for the Hungry receives donated deer from successful hunters. Funds are raised to cover the costs of professional processing, then the venison is distributed to the needy across the state.

This past season 363,484 pounds of venison was distributed. Over 3.5 million pounds or 13.5 million servings of venison have been distributed in Virginia since 1991.

Each \$40.00 contribution allows another deer to be accepted. Hunters donating an entire deer are not required to pay any part of the processing fee.

The David Horne Hunger Relief Bill gives you the opportunity to donate \$2.00 to the Hunters for the Hungry program when you purchase your hunting license. One hundred percent of your donation will go to providing venison to the hungry.

You can make a difference to the hungry and to the future of hunting in Virginia. For additional information call 1-800-352-HUNT (4868), or e-mail: hunt4hungry@cs.com, or visit the Web site at www.h4hungry.org or write to P.O. Box 304, Big Island, VA 24526.

Hunters using tree stands should follow these basic safety guidelines:

- ◆ Use a harness or safety belt to secure yourself to the tree.
- ◆ Never climb with equipment; use a haul line to get your unloaded gun or bow into and out of the tree stand.
- ◆ Keep portable tree stands in good working condition and thoroughly inspect permanent tree stands for loose or rotten boards before using.
- ◆ Stay alert and awake. If you start to nod off, get back to the ground.

Antlered and Antlerless Deer

Deer Tags

- **Either-sex deer tags** (commonly called “buck” tags) may be used on antlered or antlerless deer.
- **Antlerless only deer tags** (commonly called “doe” tags) may only be used on antlerless deer.

Antlered and Antlerless Deer

Antlered Deer

- Antlered deer must have antlers visible above the hairline. Virginia does not have a minimum antler length requirement.
- An antlered deer must be tagged with an either-sex deer tag.



photo ©Thomas Kirkland

Antlered buck

Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation

Deer hunters 15 years of age and under, resident or nonresident, may take one antlerless deer per license year on days other than designated either-sex deer hunting days during the muzzleloading season(s) or the firearms seasons in all counties that have at least one either-sex deer hunting day during the firearms deer season. This regulation applies to all private and public lands (national forest, state forests, wildlife management areas, etc.) statewide (except on public and private lands in the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise). This regulation is in addition to either-sex deer hunting days. For example, if a youth deer hunter, 15 years of age or younger, killed one or more antlerless deer on designated either-sex deer hunting days, he or she could still take one antlerless deer on a day not designated an either-sex day.

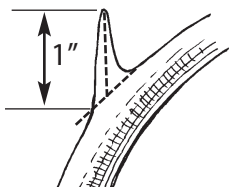
Special Antler Restrictions

Shenandoah County

If a hunter kills two antlered bucks in Shenandoah County, at least one of the bucks must have at least 4 antler points, 1 inch or longer, on one side.

Fairystone and Featherfin WMAs

On the Quality Deer Management Area of the Fairystone WMA and Featherfin WMA a legal buck is a deer with at least 4 antler points, 1 inch or longer, on one side.



Antlerless Deer

- Antlerless deer may only be taken during designated either-sex deer hunting days during the archery season(s), muzzleloading season(s), and firearms season. Youth deer hunters see Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation provisions on this page.
- Antlerless deer (does, button bucks, and shed-antlered bucks) may be tagged with an either-sex deer tag or an antlerless only deer tag.
- Button bucks, male fawns approximately six months old, are considered antlerless deer. The hair covered bumps on a button buck's head are not antlers. They are the pedicels from which the antlers will grow the next year.
- Antlered deer that have shed their antlers, usually in late December or early January, are also considered antlerless deer.

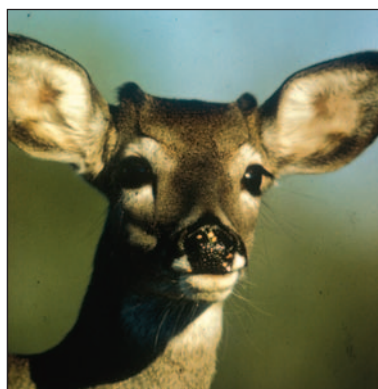


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Button buck (antlerless deer)



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Shed-antlered buck (antlerless deer)

**Only Load Your Firearm
When You Are Ready to Hunt.**

Archery Deer Seasons

Early Antlerless-Only Archery Season:

During this season only antlerless deer may be taken.

September 6–October 3

- In Loudoun and Prince William counties (except on Department-owned lands).

Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunting

- Deer of either sex may be taken full season during the early and late archery seasons, unless otherwise noted below.
 - Only antlered deer may be taken during the early and late archery deer seasons on PALS (Public Access Lands) in Dickenson County.

Early Archery Season:

October 4–November 14: Statewide

Late Archery Seasons:

December 1–January 3:

- In all areas west of the Blue Ridge (except Clarke and Floyd counties and on private lands in Frederick County).
- In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (west of Rt. 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), and Nelson (west of Rt. 151).
- On the Chester F. Phelps WMA and on National Forest lands in Frederick County.

December 1–January 3:

- In the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp line), and Virginia Beach.

December 15–January 3:

- In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad).

Virginia Bowhunter Survey Participants Needed

In 1997, the Department initiated a statewide bowhunter survey to obtain information on bear, deer, turkey, small game, and furbearer populations. Deer data collected provides important information relative to deer population trends, adult sex ratios, and recruitment. Approximately 300 archers have participated in the past few years. The Department would like to increase the number and distribution of cooperators across the Commonwealth. If you would like to participate in this survey, please indicate your interest and send your mailing address to mike.fies@dgif.virginia.gov. Participants will receive an annual survey form to complete during the early archery deer season and a copy of the results after they are compiled. The Department appreciates your interest and cooperation.

Urban Archery Deer Seasons:

During this season only antlerless deer may be taken.

September 6–October 3 and January 5–March 28

- Within the incorporated limits of the cities of Colonial Heights, Danville, Emporia, Franklin, Lynchburg, Martinsville, Radford, Richmond, Winchester and the towns of Altavista, Amherst, Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Farmville, Independence, Purcellville, Richlands, Rocky Mount, Tazewell, West Point and in Fairfax County.
- Lists of properties available for hunting *are not* maintained by the Department or local governments.
- Go to www.dgif.virginia.gov/hunting/special_urban_archery.html for local restrictions and other urban archery information.

Legal Methods and Restrictions During Archery Deer Seasons:

Special restrictions may apply during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Archery tackle (including crossbows) only
- Broadhead widths must be at least 7/8-inch wide or expand upon impact to 7/8-inch.
- Bows must be capable of propelling a broadhead arrow at least 125 yards.
- It is unlawful to use arrows to which any drug, chemical or toxic substance has been added or explosive head arrows.
- It is unlawful to have a firearm in possession (see exception for concealed handguns on page 12).
- It is unlawful to use dogs.

Muzzleloader Deer Seasons

Early Muzzleloader Season

November 1–14:

- In all areas where deer hunting with a rifle or muzzleloading gun is permitted unless noted in the season exceptions listed below.

Season Exception:

- Closed in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp line), and Virginia Beach.

Antlered Deer Restriction:

- Only one antlered deer may be taken per muzzleloader hunter during the early muzzleloader deer season west of the Blue Ridge and on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford and Nelson counties.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days East of the Blue Ridge (except on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford and Nelson counties):

November 1–14 (full season):

- In all areas (including Occoneechee State Park) unless otherwise noted on page 27.

– **November 8:**

On State Forest lands, State Park lands (except Occoneechee State Park), Department-owned lands, and the Philpott Reservoir.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days West of the Blue Ridge and on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford and Nelson counties:

November 10:

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– **November 1–14 (full season):**

In Clarke and Floyd counties and on private lands in Frederick, Roanoke and Warren counties.

– **Antlered deer only–no either-sex deer hunting days:**

In Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, and Wise counties and on portions of Grayson Highlands State Park and National Forest lands in Grayson County.

Late Muzzleloader Season:

December 13–January 3:

- **West of the Blue Ridge** (except Clarke County and on private lands in Frederick County).
- **East of the Blue Ridge** in the counties (including cities and towns within) of Amherst (west of Rt. 29), Bedford, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Rt. 151), Patrick, and Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad) and in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp line), and Virginia Beach.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

December 29–January 3:

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– **December 13–January 3 (full season):**

In the counties of Amherst (west of Rt. 29, except on National Forest lands), Bedford (except on National Forest lands), Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Nelson (west of Rt. 151, except on National Forest lands), Patrick, Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), and on private lands in Roanoke and Warren counties.

– **January 3:**

In the counties of Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, and Washington, and on portions of Grayson Highlands State Park and National Forest lands in Grayson County.

– **Antlered deer only–no either-sex deer hunting days:**

In Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise counties.

Muzzleloading Either-sex Deer Hunting for Incorporated Cities and Towns:

Deer of either sex may be taken full season during all muzzleloading seasons within the incorporated limits of any

city or town in the Commonwealth that allows deer hunting (except in the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise and in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk and Virginia Beach).

Legal Methods and Restrictions During Muzzleloader Deer Seasons:

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinance, pg. 16 for details.

- Only muzzleloading firearms, .45 caliber or larger, loaded from the muzzle of the gun.
- Muzzleloading firearms must be single shot, flintlock or percussion ignition, excluding muzzleloading pistols.
- Must be capable of firing only a single bullet or sabot bullet (.38 caliber or larger).
- Unlawful to have in immediate possession any firearm other than a muzzleloading firearm while hunting with a muzzleloader (see exception for concealed handguns on page 12).
- Unlawful to use muzzleloading pistols.
- Must use at least 50 grains of black powder or black powder equivalent.
- Smokeless powder is allowed in muzzleloading weapons designed for it. **Never use smokeless powder of any type, in any quantity, in a muzzleloading firearm that is not specifically designed for it.**
- Scopes are permitted.
- For the purposes of transportation in a vehicle, muzzleloading firearms are considered “unloaded” when all powder has been removed from the flashpan, or the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple. For complete safety, a muzzleloader should be emptied by shooting into soft ground.
- Unlawful to hunt deer with dogs.

Q&A

I understand you can kill only one buck during the Early Muzzleloading Season in areas considered West of the Blue Ridge and on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford and Nelson counties. I did not kill any bucks during the early season. How many bucks can I kill during the Late Muzzleloading Season West of the Blue Ridge?

Two, one per day. The one buck restriction does not apply to the late season. However, if you had killed one buck during the Early Muzzleloading Season West of the Blue Ridge, you would only be able to kill one buck during the late season. This restriction pertains to the overall two buck limit in areas West of the Blue Ridge and on National Forest Lands in Amherst, Bedford and Nelson counties.

Firearms Deer Seasons



November 15–29:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Augusta, Bland, Craig, Giles, Pulaski, Rockingham, Scott, and Wythe.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 22–29:

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– November 22 and November 29:

On National Forest and Department-owned lands in Augusta, and on National Forest lands in Bland, Craig, Giles, Pulaski, Rockingham and Wythe, and on the Big Survey WMA, and on private lands west of Routes 613 and 731 in Rockingham County.

– Antlered deer only–no either-sex deer hunting days:

On National Forest lands in Scott. Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation applies.



November 15–January 3:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Caroline, Charlotte, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Fluvanna, Goochland (west of U.S. Route 522), Louisa, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Prince Edward, and Prince George.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 22, November 29, and December 29–January 3:

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– November 22, November 29, and December 29–January 3:

On the Featherfin WMA

– November 22:

On the Appomattox-Buckingham, Cumberland, and Prince Edward State Forests.



November 15–29:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (west of Rt. 29), Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Carroll, Grayson, Montgomery, Nelson (west of Rt. 151), Roanoke, Shenandoah, and Warren.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 15–29 (full season):

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– November 22 and November 29:

On National Forest lands and Department-owned lands in Carroll and Roanoke and on National Forest lands in Amherst, Bedford, Botetourt, Montgomery, Nelson Shenandoah and Warren and on portions of Grayson Highlands State Park and National Forest lands in Grayson.



November 15–January 3:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Charles City, Chesterfield, James City, King George, King William, Mathews, Middlesex, and Powhatan.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days

November 22, November 29, and December 22–January 3:

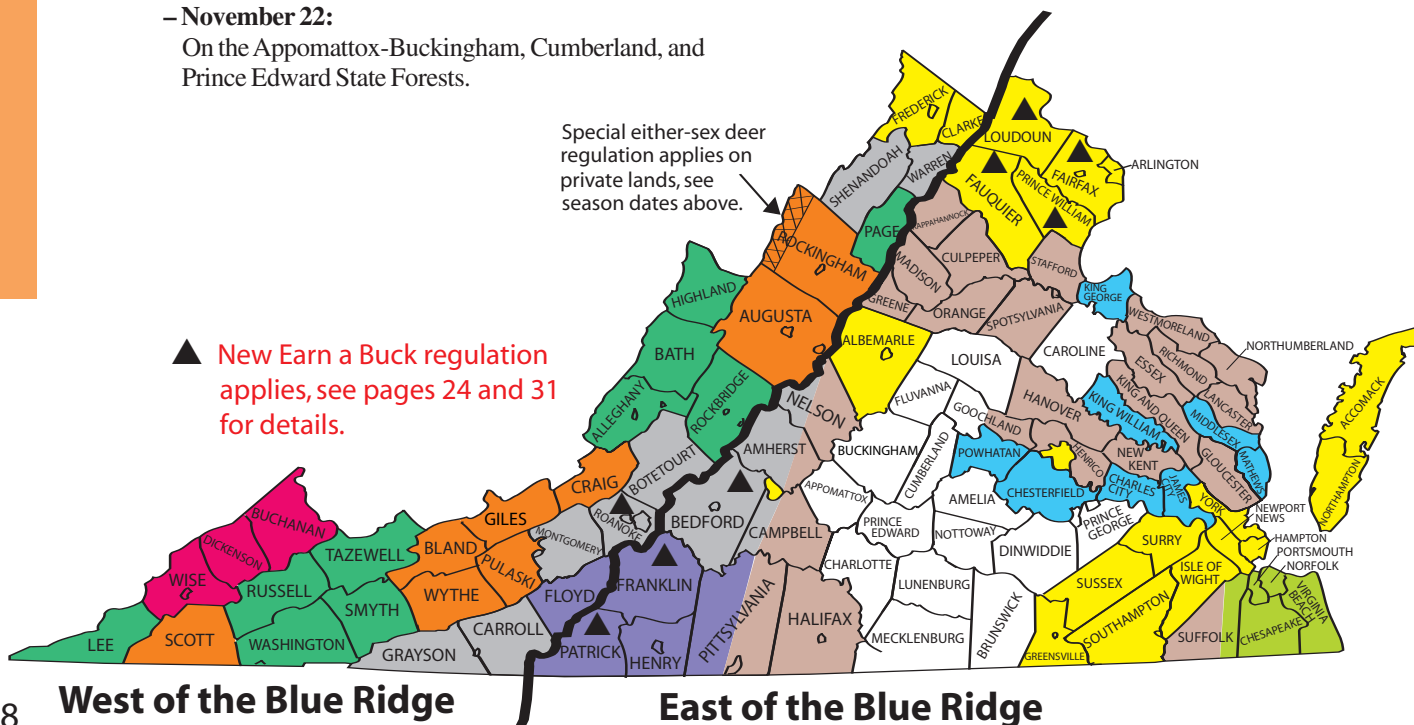
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– Antlered deer only–no either-sex deer hunting days:

On the Chickahominy WMA. Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation applies.

– November 22, November 29 and December 29–January 3:

On the Powhatan WMA.



November 15–January 3:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Accomack, Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier (see season exception for C. F. Phelps WMA below), Frederick (see season exception for National Forest lands below), Greensville, Isle of Wight, Loudoun, Northampton, Prince William, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, and York.

- In Arlington County, City of Hampton, and City of Richmond. (In the City of Richmond: archery only, no special permit is required for archery deer hunting.)
Note: Local Ordinances prohibit the discharge of firearms in these areas (see Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16).
- In the City of Lynchburg (on private lands for which a special permit has been issued by the Chief of Police).
- In the City of Newport News: archery only, no special permit is required for archery deer hunting.
- To firearms deer hunt on private lands in Fairfax County a special landowner permit is required. Contact the Div. of Animal Control, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 for details. No special police permit is required for archery deer hunting.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 15– January 3 (full season):

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– November 22 and January 3:

On the G.R. Thompson WMA.

– Antlered deer only–no either-sex deer hunting days:

On the Carlisle Tract of the Hog Island WMA and Ragged Island WMA. Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation applies.

Season Exception:

November 15–29 firearms season on the C.F. Phelps WMA and National Forests lands in Frederick.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 22 and November 29:

– On National Forest lands in Frederick.

November 22:

– On the C.F. Phelps WMA.

November 15–29:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

Antlered deer only–no either-sex deer hunting days:

– In all areas. Only antlered deer may be taken during the firearms season in these counties. Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation **does not** apply.

October 1–November 29:

In the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk (east of the Dismal Swamp line) and Virginia Beach.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

October 4, October 11 and November 17-29

– In all areas.

November 15–December 13:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad).

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 15–December 13 (full season):

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– November 22 and December 8–13:

On Fairystone Farms WMA, Fairystone State Park, and Philpott Reservoir.

– November 22 and December 12–13:

On Turkeycock Mountain WMA.

November 15–29:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Alleghany, Bath, Highland, Lee, Page, Rockbridge, Russell, Smyth, Tazewell, and Washington.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 22 and November 28–29:

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– November 22 and November 29:

On National Forest and Department-owned lands in Bath, Highland, and Rockbridge and on National Forest lands in Alleghany, Page, Smyth, Tazewell, and Washington, and on the Clinch Mountain and Hidden Valley WMA's and The Channels State Forest.

– Antlered deer only–no either-sex deer hunting days:

On National Forest lands in Lee. Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation applies.

November 15–January 3:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Amherst (east of Rt. 29), Campbell (east of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Culpeper (see season exception for C. F. Phelps WMA below), Essex, Gloucester, Goochland (east of U. S. Route 522), Greene, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, King and Queen, Lancaster, Madison, Nelson (east of Rt. 151), New Kent, Northumberland, Orange, Pittsylvania (east of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Rappahannock, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Suffolk (west of the Dismal Swamp line) and Westmoreland.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 22, November 29, and December 6–January 3:

In all areas unless otherwise noted below.

– November 22 and December 29–January 3:

On James River WMA.

– November 22 and January 3:

On the White Oak Mountain WMA.

Season Exception:

November 15–29

Firearms season on the C.F. Phelps WMA.

Either-sex Deer Hunting Days:

November 22:

– On the C.F. Phelps WMA.

Firearms Either-sex Deer Hunting For Incorporated Cities and Towns

Deer of either sex may be taken full season during the firearms deer season within the incorporated limits of any city or town in the Commonwealth that allows deer hunting (except in the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, and Wise and in the cities of Chesapeake, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach).

Late Antlerless-Only Firearms Deer Season

During this season only antlerless deer may be taken.

January 5, 2009– March 28, 2009:

In the counties (including the cities and towns within) of Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William, except on Department-owned lands.

- To firearms deer hunt on private lands in Fairfax County a special landowner permit is required. Contact the Div. of Animal Control, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 for details. No special police permit is required for archery deer hunting.

Legal Methods and Restrictions During Firearms Deer Seasons:

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinance, pg. 16 for details.

- Modern firearms.
- Hunters are allowed to use archery tackle or muzzleloading firearms to deer hunt during the firearms deer season with the following conditions:
 - all hunters are required to comply with the either-sex deer hunting days for the firearms deer season.
 - use of muzzleloading firearms is allowed only if not otherwise restricted.
 - muzzleloader deer hunters must wear blaze orange during the firearms deer season.
 - archery deer hunters must wear blaze orange during the firearms deer season except when hunting in areas where the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

Dogs May Not Be Used For Deer Hunting:

- West of the Blue Ridge.
- East of the Blue Ridge in Bedford, Fairfax, Franklin, Henry Loudoun, Northampton, and Patrick counties, and Amherst (west of Rt. 29), Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Nelson (west of Rt. 151), Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), and the city of Lynchburg.
- Statewide when hunting during archery and muzzleloading deer seasons.
- On many military areas. Check individual Post regulations.
- On Amelia, Cavalier, Featherfin, Pettigrew, C.F. Phelps, and G. Richard Thompson Wildlife Management Areas.
- During the first 12 hunting days of the firearms deer season in Madison and Greene counties.

Elk

- Elk of either sex, antlered or antlerless, may be taken during any open deer season using the weapons legal for deer during that season.
- The taking of an elk counts towards the hunter's daily and license year bag limit for deer.
- Licenses, tag validation, and checking requirements for elk are the same for deer except that **elk must be checked at a check station.**
- It is unlawful to destroy the identity (sex) of any harvested elk until checked. Elk may be dismembered to pack it out from the place of kill. The identity of the sex and all parts of the carcass must be present when the elk is checked.

Successful elk hunters are asked to contact the Wildlife Division of the Department's Marion Regional Office at (276)-783-4860 as soon as possible after killing an elk so that arrangements can be made to collect Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples. CWD testing is voluntary.

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2008 Virginia Big Game Contest

**Eastern Regional
September 13–14, 2008
Southampton County Fairgrounds
Franklin**

**Western Regional and
State Championship
September 27–28, 2008
Rockingham County Fairgrounds
Harrisonburg**

For additional information and directions go to
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Deer and spring turkey checked by Internet or telephone with the proper confirmation number are eligible to be entered in the Eastern or Western Regional Big Game Contest. Turkeys must have a certified weight.

Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance

History of CWD Surveillance in Virginia

The Department commenced CWD surveillance in 2002, and surveillance strategies included statewide active surveillance of hunter-harvested white-tailed deer, targeted surveillance of CWD clinical suspect deer, testing of free-ranging elk and captive cervid mortalities. This resulted in the collection of 1,129 samples. During 2003 and 2004 targeted surveillance was continued as well as the testing of elk and captive cervids. This resulted in the collection of 42 and 97 samples respectively.

In 2005 the Department conducted a CWD risk assessment. Based on a concentration of captive cervid facilities in proximity to northwestern Virginia as well as the detection of CWD in Hampshire County, West Virginia, the Department established an Active Surveillance Area that consisted of approximately 1,000 square miles of the western and northern portions of Shenandoah, Frederick, Clarke, and Loudoun counties. Active surveillance of road-killed and hunter-harvested deer was performed in this area and resulted in the collection of 559 samples. In addition, statewide targeted surveillance was continued as well as testing of elk and cap-

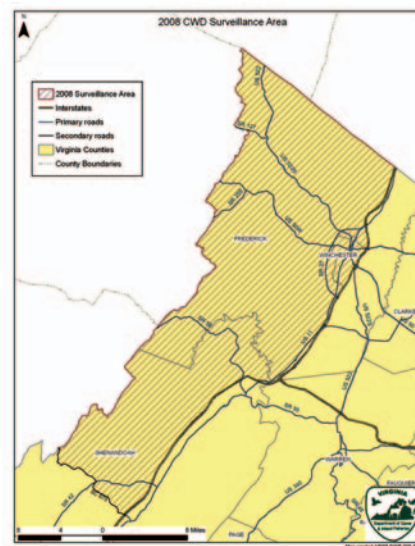
tive cervids. This resulted in the collection of a total of 749 samples during 2005. In 2006 the Department continued with the same surveillance strategies; however, limited statewide active surveillance of road-killed deer was performed. This resulted in the collection of 919 samples during 2006. During 2007, statewide surveillance of road-killed and hunter-harvested deer was conducted, and resulted in the collection of 1,215 samples.

In summary, a total of 4,151 samples have been collected since 2002, and CWD has not been detected in Virginia.

2008-2009 CWD Surveillance in Frederick and Shenandoah Counties

Due to the continued detection of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Hampshire County, West Virginia, the Department will be conducting intensive CWD sampling of harvested deer from the portions of Frederick and Shenandoah counties west of Interstate 81 and north of Route 675 (Edinburg) (see map) during the 2008-2009 deer season. This surveillance is based on the Department's CWD Response Plan and is designed to allow the Department to pro-

tect Virginia's deer population by effectively managing and controlling CWD should it be detected in Virginia. More details concerning this year's CWD surveillance effort will be announced in late summer. Please also check the Department's Web site (<http://www.HuntFishVa.com/wildlife/diseases/cwd/>) for updates on CWD surveillance and management in Virginia. Hunter assistance and cooperation is essential to the Department's efforts to monitor and prevent CWD in Virginia.



Earn A Buck (EAB) Questions and Answers

What is EAB?

EAB is a new deer regulation designed to increase the antlerless deer kill.

When and where will EAB be in effect?

EAB will become mandatory on private lands during all open deer seasons (archery, muzzleloading, and firearms) in Bedford, Fairfax, Fauquier, Franklin, Loudoun, Patrick, Prince William and Roanoke counties in fall 2008.

Will deer hunters have to kill an antlerless deer first under EAB?

No, the first deer can be an antlered buck or an antlerless deer (a doe or button buck).

How will EAB work?

Hunters hunting on private lands in EAB counties will be required to shoot at least one antlerless deer (a doe or a button

buck) before they can kill their second antlered buck of the deer season. East of the Blue Ridge, they will be required to kill a second antlerless deer on private land in an EAB county before they can kill their third antlered buck of the season.

What if I hunt deer in one of the EAB counties and in other counties in Virginia?

EAB will still apply. Antlered bucks taken anywhere in the state count against the EAB antlered buck requirement, but only antlerless deer taken on private lands in the eight designated EAB counties count toward the EAB antlerless deer requirement.

Why require EAB?

The Department's Deer Management Plan calls for deer populations to be reduced in all these counties, and tradi-

tional liberal deer regulations have not effectively achieved that objective. In fact, deer populations in several of these counties have increased. EAB has been demonstrated in several other states to be an effective management tool to control and reduce deer numbers.

Can a deer hunter shoot an antlerless deer first and be "pre-qualified" to kill two bucks?

Yes.

Can antlerless deer "carry over" from season to season?

No.

What should I do if I have additional EAB questions?

Email Matt Knox at matt.knox@dgif.virginia.gov.

Turkey Hunting

Bag Limits:

General: One per day, three per license year, no more than two of which may be taken in the fall.

Archery and Fall Firearms Season: Turkeys of either sex may be taken.

Spring Turkey Season: One per day, bearded turkeys only.

Archery Turkey Season

October 4–November 8: Statewide

- Except in counties where there is a closed firearm season on turkey.

Legal Methods and Restrictions for Archery Turkey Season

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Archery tackle (including crossbows) only.
- Decoys and blinds may be used.
- Broadhead widths must be at least 7/8-inch wide or expand upon impact to 7/8-inch.
- Bows must be capable of propelling a broadhead arrow at least 125 yards.
- Unlawful to have a firearm in possession (see exception for concealed handguns on page 12).
- Unlawful to use dogs when hunting with archery tackle during the archery season.

Fall Firearms Turkey Seasons



**October 25–November 7,
November 27 and
December 8–January 3.**

In the counties of Alleghany, Amherst (west of Rt. 29), Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Bland, Botetourt, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Carroll, Clarke, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Frederick, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Highland, Lee, Montgomery, Nelson (west of Rt. 151), Page, Patrick, Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk-Southern Railroad), Pulaski, Roanoke, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Russell, Scott, Shenandoah, Smyth, Tazewell, Warren, Washington, Wise, Wythe and on Camp Peary



**October 25–November 7,
November 27 and December 1–27.**

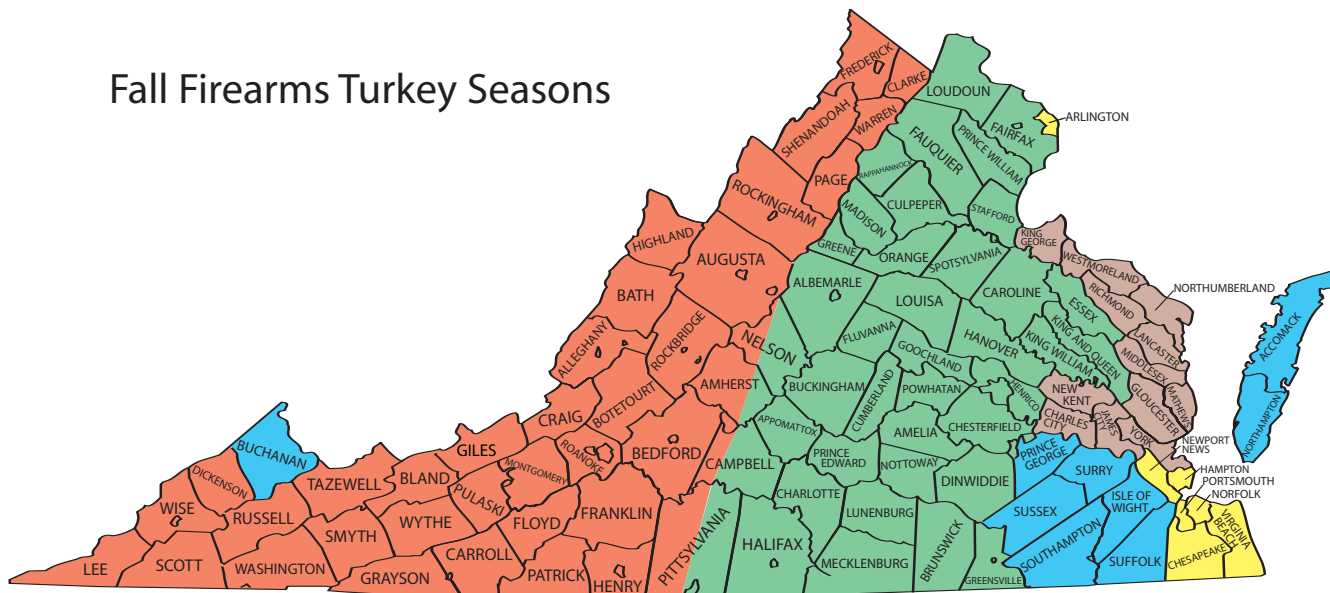
In the counties of Albemarle, Amelia, Amherst (east of Rt. 29), Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell (east of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Caroline, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex, Fairfax, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Greensville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, King and Queen, King William, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson (east of Rt. 151), Nottoway, Orange, Pittsylvania (east of Norfolk-Southern Railroad), Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince William, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania, and Stafford.



**October 25–November 7,
November 27 and December 1–13.**

In the counties of Charles City, Gloucester, James City, King George, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland, and York (except on Camp Peary).

Fall Firearms Turkey Seasons





October 25–November 7 and November 27.

In the counties of Accomack, Buchanan, Isle of Wight, Northampton, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, and in the city of Suffolk.



Closed

In the counties of Arlington and the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, and Virginia Beach.

Youth Fall Turkey Hunt Day October 18

- Hunting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Youth hunters (resident or nonresident) must be 15 years of age or younger to participate.
- Youth hunters between the age of 12 and 15 must have appropriate valid hunting licenses (see pages 7-8). Hunters under the age of 12 are not required to have a license, but they must be accompanied by a licensed adult.
- All youth must be accompanied and directly supervised and within sight of an adult. Adult hunters accompanying youth must possess a valid Virginia hunting license (or be exempt from purchasing a hunting license); may assist with calling; and shall not carry or discharge a firearm.

Legal Methods and Restrictions for Firearms Turkey Season

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Modern firearms
- Archery tackle (including crossbows)
- Muzzleloading firearms
- Decoys, blinds, and dogs may be used
- Unlawful to use electronic calls

Wild turkeys killed in the fall must be checked at a Game Check Station so feather samples can be collected to estimate reproductive success. Feather samples are not collected during the spring season so successful spring gobbler hunters can check their birds at check stations, by telephone (1-866-Got-Game (468-4263)) or online at www.HuntFishVA.com.

Spring Turkey Season

Bag Limit:

One per day, bearded turkeys only. Hunters may take one, two or three bearded turkeys depending on how many turkeys were taken in the fall season.

Seasons: Statewide

April 11–May 2, 2009:

- One-half hour before sunrise until 12 noon each day.

May 4–May 16, 2009:

- One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Youth Spring Turkey Hunt Day April 4, 2009

- One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.
- Youth hunters (resident or nonresident) must be 15 years of age or younger to participate.
- Youth hunters between the age of 12 and 15 must have appropriate valid hunting licenses (see pages 7-8). Hunters under the age of 12 are not required to have a license, but they must be accompanied by a licensed adult.
- All youth must be accompanied and directly supervised and within sight of an adult. Adult hunters accompanying youth must possess a valid Virginia hunting license (or be exempt from purchasing a hunting license); may assist with calling; and shall not carry or discharge a firearm.

Legal Methods and Restrictions for Spring Turkey Season

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Modern firearms
- Archery tackle, (including crossbows)
- Muzzleloading firearms
- Decoys and blinds may be used
- Unlawful to use electronic calls
- Unlawful to use dogs during spring turkey season
- When using a shotgun it is unlawful to use or have in possession any shot larger than number 2 fine shot during spring turkey season

Wild Turkey Feather Collections

The Department requires hunters to check wild turkeys that are harvested in the fall at Game Check Stations. Wing and breast feathers are collected during the checking process. These feathers are used to determine the age and sex of the harvested bird. The ratio of juveniles to adult female in the harvest is used as an index to reproductive success. A ratio of 3 or more juveniles per adult female would indicate a very successful reproductive season, whereas much lower ratios would suggest poor recruitment.

Unfortunately, many times the wrong feathers are collected and the sample is useless. To help check stations and hunters identify the correct feathers we have provided photos and directions below.



Pull the FIRST large wing feather. This feather should be approximately 9-12 inches in length.



The first wing feather on an adult bird is rounded with white barring to the tip of the feather. Juvenile wing feathers are pointed and the tip of the feather does not have white barring.



Pull a breast feather from the CENTER of the breast. The tips of breast feathers of male birds are black whereas the tips of females are brown.



Male

Female

Small Game Hunting

Legal Methods and Restrictions

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during this season. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Modern firearms
- Archery tackle (including crossbows)
- Muzzleloading firearms
- Dogs may be used by regulation (see Hunting with Dogs, pg. 11).

Crow

Seasons:

August 16–March 21 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday only.

September 1–March 10 on National Forest Lands and Department Lands (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday only).

- Crows are a federally regulated migratory species; however, no HIP number is required to hunt them.
- Electronic calls may be used on private and public lands.

Groundhog

Season:

Continuous open season on private lands. Groundhog hunting on National Forest Lands and Department Lands is permitted from September 1–March 10 and during the spring turkey season and spring squirrel season (certain areas only).

Grouse

Bag Limit:

Three per day.

Season:

October 25–February 14 west of I-95
Continuous closed season east of I-95

Quail and Pheasant

Bag Limits:

Quail: six per day

Pheasant: no daily or seasonal bag limit

Season:

November 8–January 31

Rabbit

Bag Limit:

Six per day

Season:

November 1–February 28.

Squirrel (Gray, Red, and Fox*)

*Fox squirrels open only in the counties west of the Blue Ridge and in the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Loudoun, Orange, Madison and Rappahannock during any authorized squirrel season.

Bag Limit:

All squirrels combined - six per day.

Seasons:

September 6–January 31: statewide

Spring Season: June 6–20, 2009

Spring season allowed only on the following Wildlife Management Areas: Amelia, Big Survey, Briery Creek, Chickahominy, Dick Cross Dismal Swamp, Fairystone (including Fairystone State Park and Philpott Reservoir), Goshen, Havens, Hog Island (Carlisle Tract only), Horsepen, James River, Pettigrew, Phelps, Powhatan, Thompson, Turkeycock Mountain, and White Oak Mountain Wildlife Management Areas.

- Fox squirrels may only be harvested on Big Survey, Goshen, Havens, Phelps and Thompson Wildlife Management Areas.
- Hunting squirrels with dogs is not allowed during the spring season.

Hunting Preserves

Pen-raised game birds may be taken on licensed hunting preserves from September 1 through April 30. A list of hunting preserves open to the public may be obtained from the Permits Section at the Department's Richmond office or at www.HuntFishVA.com. A resident hunting pen-raised game birds on a licensed hunting preserve is required to have a hunting license. A nonresident is required to have either a nonresident hunting license or a special nonresident hunting (shooting) preserve license which is valid only within the boundaries of licensed hunting preserves.

Q&A

I plan to squirrel hunt only in Prince William County during the special late Antlerless-only Firearms Deer Season. Do I need to wear blaze orange as I will not be deer hunting?

Yes. Blaze orange must be worn during any firearms deer season.

Furbearer Seasons

Legal Methods and Restrictions

Special restrictions apply to specific firearms use during these seasons. See Legal Use of Firearms and Archery Equipment, pg. 12 and Local Firearms Ordinances, pg. 16 for details.

- Modern firearms
- Archery tackle (including crossbows)
- Muzzleloading firearms
- Dogs may be used (except where prohibited, see Hunting with Dogs, pg. 11).
- Electronic calls for bobcat, coyote and fox
- Hunting permitted day or night
- Lights may be used as long as the light is not attached to or cast from a vehicle
- No hunting on Sunday, except for raccoons, which may be hunted until 2:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Coyote

Season:

Continuous open season on private lands. Coyote hunting on National Forest Lands and Department Lands is permitted from September 1–March 10 and during the spring turkey season and spring squirrel season on certain areas (see page 35 for area listings for spring squirrel season).

Coyote Bounty Law

While coyotes are not protected, live coyotes may not be imported or possessed in Virginia. Counties have the option of establishing their own coyote bounty system. For more information, hunters and trappers should contact their County Administrator or County Board of Supervisors.



Coyote; ©Bill Lea

Opossum

Season:

October 15–March 10: statewide

Skunk

Season:

Continuous open season to take striped skunk on private lands. Striped skunk hunting on National Forest Lands and Department Lands is permitted from September 1–March 10 and during time periods when it is legal to hunt spring turkeys. Continuous closed season for taking spotted skunks and the pelts of spotted skunks may not be sold.

Fox

Hunting With Dogs and Firearms

Season:

November 1–February 28.

Closed in Albemarle, Clarke, Culpeper, Fauquier (except Quantico), Loudoun, Louisa, and Rappahannock counties.

Dogs May Not Be Used:

To hunt foxes during deer season (with or without a firearm)

- On the Gathright, Goshen, Highland and Little North Mountain Wildlife Management Areas and within the boundaries of the George Washington/Jefferson National Forests.

Hunting With Dogs Only

Continuous open season statewide.

Closed March 1–October 31 on the George Washington/Jefferson National Forests and on Gathright, Goshen, G. Richard Thompson, Highland, Little North Mountain, and Rapidan WMAs.

Restrictions:

- To have in possession a firearm when hunting fox outside of the dog and gun fox season. Possession shall include, but not be limited to, having any firearm in or on one's person, vehicle, or conveyance.

Electronic Calls

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take wild animals and wild birds with recorded or electronically amplified calls, except for bobcat, coyote, crow, and fox. Electronic calls may be used on private lands with written permission of the landowner and on public lands (except where specifically prohibited) during periods when the use of firearms is permitted.

Bobcat

Bag Limit:

Two per hunting party taken between noon one day and noon the following day. Season bag limit shall be 12 bobcats taken by hunting and trapping combined.

Archery

Season:

October 4–31: statewide

Legal Methods and Restrictions

- Unlawful to use dogs when hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow during the bobcat archery season.
- Unlawful to have a firearm in possession. (See exception for concealed handguns on page 12.)

Firearms

Season:

November 1–February 28: statewide

Dogs May Not Be Used:

To hunt bobcat during deer season

- In the counties of Alleghany, Amherst (west of Route 29), Augusta, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Nelson (west of Rt. 151), Page, Pittsylvania (west of Norfolk Southern Railroad), Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren and within the boundaries of the George Washington/Jefferson National Forests.

Electronic Checking Requirement for Bobcats

All hunters or trappers who kill a bobcat are required to report the kill within 24 hours through the Department's electronic harvest reporting system. Bobcats can be checked with a touch-tone telephone (a rotary phone will not work) by calling the toll-free number 1-866-GOT-GAME (468-4263). Bobcats can also be checked using the Internet. Successful hunters and trappers can access the Department's Web page at www.HuntFishVA.com, then click on "Hunting," then "Links," then "Check Game Online."

Before using the telephone or Internet checking system, you will need your hunting license number, a pen, and a piece of paper to record your confirmation number. If you are exempt from purchasing a license, you will need your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number. At the end of the check-in session, you will be provided with a confirmation number that is a letter followed by ten digits. **Write this number down and store it in a secure location where it can be retrieved to prove compliance with the checking requirement or to request CITES tags.** If your telephone or Internet session is cut off before you get a

complete confirmation number, start the session again and continue until the complete confirmation number is obtained. If you have more than one bobcat to check in, you will have the opportunity to report additional animals at the end of the session. You may get the same confirmation number for multiple animals.

If you plan to take the bobcat to a taxidermist, you must securely attach written documentation to the carcass that includes the full name of the hunter or trapper, date of kill, and the harvest confirmation number.

CITES Tagging Requirement For Bobcats

Bobcat pelts that are sold, traded, transported out of state, or shipped out of state must also have a CITES tag affixed to each animal. A valid confirmation number will be needed to obtain a CITES tag. **No CITES tag is needed to have a bobcat mounted by a Virginia taxidermist.**

To obtain a CITES tag, contact your local Conservation Police Officer or the nearest Department regional office (listed on page 3). **CITES tags may also be ordered on the Internet** by accessing the Department Web page at www.HuntFishVA.com, then clicking on "Hunting," "Links," and "Order CITES Tags." **Make sure that you have a valid harvest confirmation number for each CITES tag requested.** Tags ordered on the Internet will be mailed directly to the hunter or trapper, along with instructions for tagging. All bobcat pelts required to have a CITES tag must have them affixed by April 1.



Bobcat: ©Bill Lea

Q&A

What does the acronym CITES mean?

CITES is an abbreviation for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. It is an international agreement between governments to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival. Although the bobcat and otter species found in Virginia are not endangered, their pelts are similar in appearance to several endangered animals in other countries. As a result, the United States agreed to affix CITES tags to all bobcat and otter pelts before they leave the country. Virginia is required to participate in this program to comply with the CITES agreement.

Raccoon

Legal Methods and Restrictions:

- Raccoons may be hunted until 2:00 a.m. Sunday mornings.
- Unlawful to have in possession a firearm, bow, axe, or any tree climbing device when chasing raccoons outside of the firearms season. Possession shall include, but not be limited to, having these devices in or on one's person, vehicle, or conveyance while engaged in the act of chasing.

Firearms

Season:

October 15–March 10: statewide

Bag Limit:

East of the Blue Ridge: Two per hunter taken between noon one day and noon the following day.

West of the Blue Ridge: Two per hunting party (individual or organized) taken between noon one day and noon the following day.

Chase Only

NO RACCOON MAY BE TAKEN EXCEPT DURING THE FIREARMS SEASON.

Seasons:

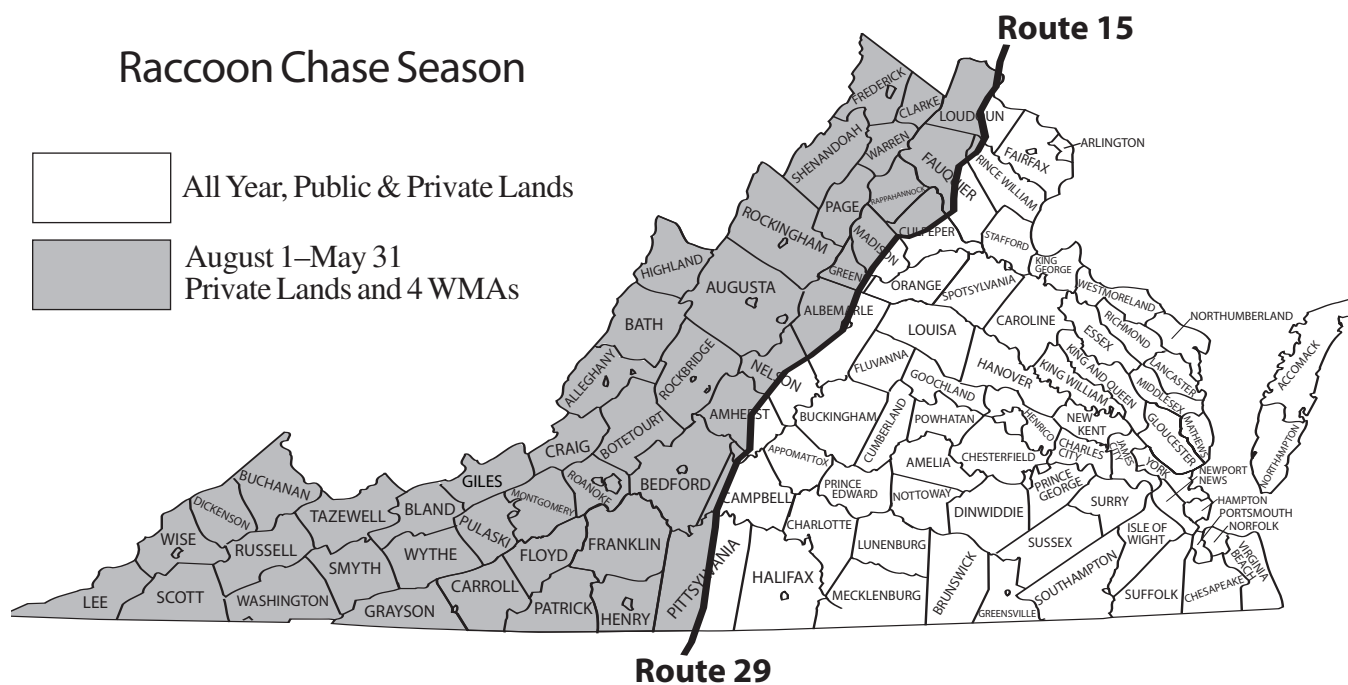
Continuous open season

In all counties and portions of counties east of Rt. 29 and in the counties of Loudoun (east of Rt. 15) and Prince William (east of Rt. 15).

August 1–May 31

On **private lands** in all counties and portions of counties west of Route 29 and in the counties of Loudoun (west of Rt. 15) and Prince William (west of Rt. 15) **and on** Fairystone Farms, G. Richard Thompson, Rapidan and Turkeycock Wildlife Management Areas.

Raccoon Chase Season



Virginia Trappers Association Reward Program

Every year, Virginia trappers lose hundreds of traps to thieves. The Virginia Trappers Association is offering a reward, up to \$500, for individuals who report trap theft to the Department that results in a successful prosecution. Anyone who sees traps being stolen is encouraged to report it through the Department's poaching hotline at 1-800-237-5712 or via email at wildcrime@dgif.virginia.gov.

If you encounter traps while in the outdoors, you have a legal obligation to respect the trapper's private property and leave them alone. At the same time, trappers have an ethical obligation not to set traps in areas where they are likely to be encountered by the general public or their pets.

Trapping

General Regulations

Residents under 16 years of age do not need a license to trap when accompanied by any person 18 years of age or older who possesses a valid state or county license to trap. Trappers using box traps for rabbits do not need a license, but permission of the landowner is necessary. County residents 65 years of age and over do not need a license to trap on private property in county of residence. National Forest lands will be open during the regular trapping seasons. Trappers must visit all traps once each day to remove all animals caught therein. Check local ordinances before trapping near highways.

Trapping on Department-owned or controlled lands and waters is allowed under the regulations of the Board unless prohibited by posted rules. The posted rules may require written authorization to trap on some areas or may specify other restrictions.

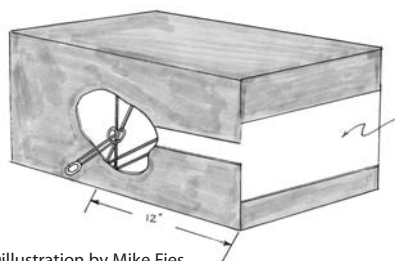
It is lawful to set traps in water from December 1 through the last day of February, both dates inclusive, and at anytime within the incorporated limits of any city or town in the Commonwealth and in the counties of Arlington, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, James City, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Roanoke and York, except as otherwise specifically provided by department permit or by local ordinances.

Any person setting or in possession of a steel foothold or body gripping trap or snare shall have it marked by means of a nonferrous metal tag bearing his name and address or a permanent identification number issued by the Department. This requirement shall not apply to landowners on their own land, nor to a bonafide tenant or lessee within the bounds of land rented or leased by him, nor to anyone transporting any such trap from its place of purchase.

The use of body gripping traps with a jaw spread in excess of 7 1/2 inches is prohibited except when such traps are at least half submerged by water.

It is unlawful to set above the ground any steel foothold trap with teeth set upon the jaws or with a maximum inside jaw spread exceeding 6 1/2 inches measured perpendicular to the hinges.

It is unlawful to set above the ground any body gripping trap with a jaw spread in excess of 5 inches when using any bait, lure or scent. However, baited body gripping traps with a jaw spread between 5 and 6 1/2 inches may be used within an enclosure with openings no greater than 60 square inches and the trap trigger recessed at least 12 inches from all openings (see diagram below). Traps must be staked to prevent enclo-



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Opening
not to
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tures from turning over and may only be used on private lands with written permission of the landowner.

No deadfalls traps may be used. Snares set on land must have loops less than 12 inches in diameter with the top of the snare loop no more than 12 inches above the ground. Land snares may only be used with written permission of the landowner.

It is unlawful to willfully molest, damage, or remove any trap, or any lawfully caught bird or animal from or in any way disturb traps or snares legally set by another person.

No trapping of furbearing animals within 300 yards of First Landing/Seashore State Park and the Virginia Marine Science Museum in the City of Virginia Beach.

No trapping within 50 feet of a highway in Clarke, Fauquier, and Loudoun counties.

It is unlawful to shoot a rifle or pistol at wild birds or animals on or over public inland waters; however a licensed trapper may shoot a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or pistol on or over public inland waters for the purpose of dispatching a trapped animal.

Permanent Identification Number For Trap Tags

Trappers now have the option of using a permanent identification number on their trap tags instead of their name and address. The Department will assign a unique number to interested trappers for permanent use. To obtain a trapper ID number, contact your nearest Department Office for instructions. Please remember that this method of tag marking is **OPTIONAL** and that you may continue to use tags with your name and address, if you prefer.

Trapping Seasons

There is a continuous open season to trap beaver, muskrat, opossum and raccoon within the incorporated limits of any city or town in the Commonwealth, and in the counties of Arlington, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, James City, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Roanoke and York.

When beavers are damaging crops or lands, the owner of the premises, his agent, or tenant, may kill the animals or have them killed. This includes shooting, except in areas where the discharge of firearms is prohibited.

Beaver

December 1–February 28

Bobcat

November 15–February 28

Bag limit: The season bag limit shall be 12 bobcats in the aggregate, taken by hunting and trapping combined.

All trapped bobcats must be reported within 24 hours through the Department's electronic harvest reporting system. A CITES tag may also be required for some bobcats. Please see page 37 for details regarding bobcat checking and tagging procedures.

Coyote

Continuous open season.

Fox

November 15–February 28

Fox trapping is prohibited in Clarke (except on G. Richard Thompson WMA), Fauquier (except on Chester F. Phelps WMA and G. Richard Thompson WMA), Loudoun, and Rapahannock counties.

Mink

December 1–February 28

Muskrat

December 1–February 28.

Nutria

Continuous open season

Opossum

November 15–February 28

Rabbit

May be taken with box traps from October 15–January 31 provided no traps shall be set on the lands of another without written permission of the landowner.

Raccoon

November 15–February 28

Skunk

Continuous open season for striped skunk. Continuous closed season for taking spotted skunk and the pelts of spotted skunk may not be sold.

Weasel

December 1–February 28

Otter

December 1–February 28

In all counties east of the Blue Ridge and in the counties of Augusta, Alleghany, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, Rockbridge and Wythe.

Bag Limit

The season bag limit shall be 2 otters in counties west of the Blue Ridge where otter trapping is permitted. There is no season bag limit in counties east of the Blue Ridge.

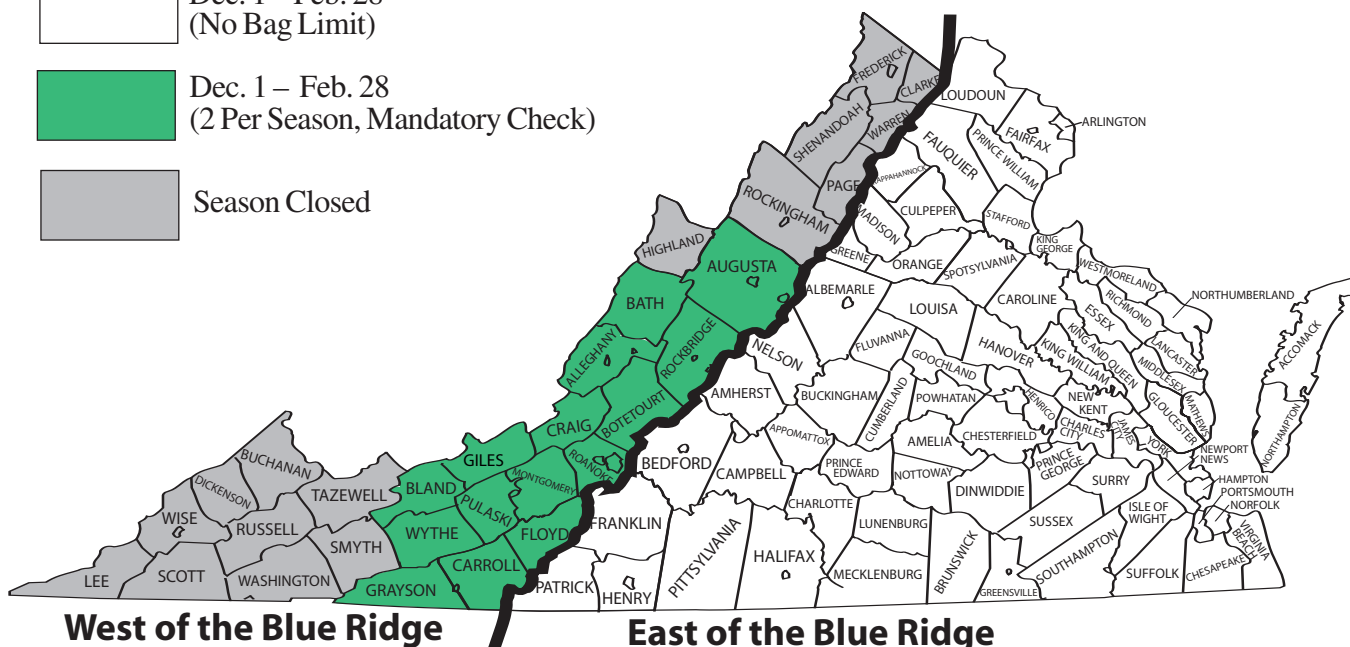
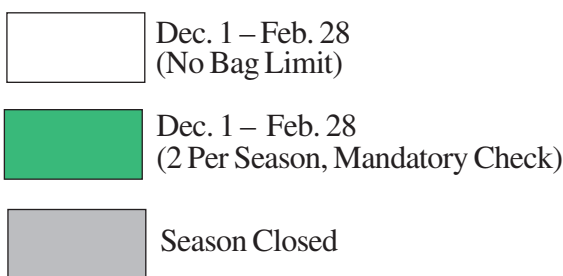
Mandatory Check-in Requirements

The entire skinned carcass of all otters trapped in counties west of the Blue Ridge where trapping is permitted must be presented to an agent of the Department within 3 days of capture. For more information on submitting otter carcasses contact your nearest regional office listed on page 3.

CITES Tagging Requirement For Otter

Otter pelts that are sold, traded, transported out of state, or shipped out of state must also have a CITES tag affixed to each animal. No CITES tag is needed to have an otter mounted by a Virginia taxidermist. To obtain a CITES tag, contact your local Conservation Police Officer or the nearest Department regional office (listed on page 3). All otter pelts required to have a CITES tag must have them affixed by April 1.

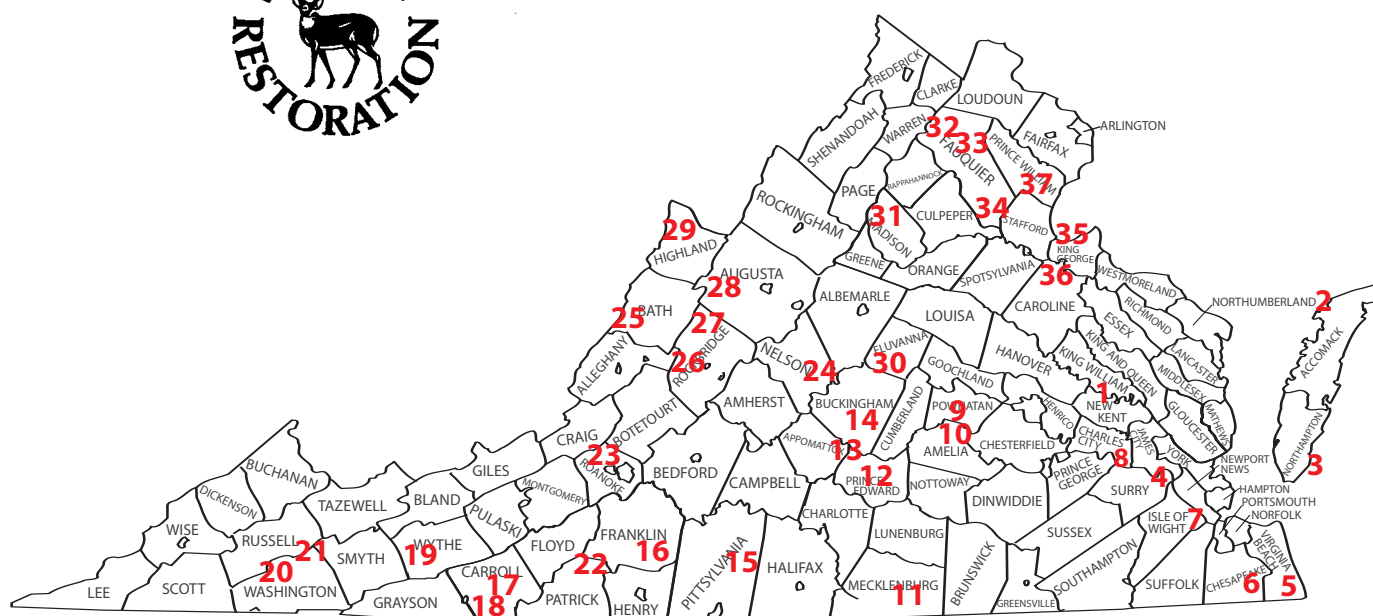
Otter Trapping Season



Public Hunting Lands

Department Wildlife Management Areas

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries maintains 37 management areas totaling over 200,000 acres for the benefit of all citizens for a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities. Thirty-five management areas are open for some type of hunting. These lands are purchased and maintained with hunting, fishing and trapping license fees and with Wildlife Restoration Funds. We encourage the public to utilize our land and enjoy the bountiful natural resources found on each area.



1. Game Farm Marsh WMA, 530 acres
2. Saxis WMA, 5,574 acres
3. Mockhorn Island/GATR WMA, 7,642 acres
4. Hog Island/Carlisle WMA, 3,908 acres
5. Princess Anne WMA, 1,546 acres
6. Cavalier/Dismal Swamp WMA, 4,485 acres
7. Ragged Island WMA, 1,537 acres
8. Chickahominy WMA, 5,218 acres
9. Powhatan WMA, 4,463 acres
10. Amelia WMA, 2, 217 acres
11. Dick Cross WMA, 1,400 acres
12. Briery Creek WMA, 3,164 acres
13. Featherfin WMA, 2,800 acres
14. Horsepen WMA, 2,910 acres
15. White Oak Mt. WMA, 2,712 acres
16. Turkeycock Mt. WMA, 2,678 acres
17. Crooked Creek WMA, 1,796 acres
18. Stewarts Creek WMA, 1,100 acres
19. Big Survey WMA, 7,300 acres
20. Hidden Valley WMA, 6,400 acres
21. Clinch Mt. WMA, 25,477 acres
22. Fairystone WMA, 5,321 acres
23. Havens WMA, 7,190 acres
24. James River WMA, 1,213 acres
25. Gathright WMA, 13,428 acres
26. Lake Robertson, 581 acres
27. Goshen WMA, 16,125 acres
28. Little North Mt. WMA, 17,572 acres
29. Highland WMA, 14,283 acres
30. Hardware River WMA, 1,034 acres
31. Rapidan WMA, 10,327 acres
32. Thompson WMA, 3,963 acres
33. Weston WMA, 265 acres
34. C. F. Phelps WMA, 4,540 acres
35. Lands End WMA, 450 acres
36. Pettigrew WMA, 934 acres
37. Merrimac Farm, 300 acres

Rules For Wildlife Management Areas

Dogs

- ◆ It is lawful to chase with dogs or train dogs on Department-owned lands only during authorized hunting, chase or training seasons that specifically permit these activities.
- ◆ Dogs must be leashed at all times outside of open hunting, chase, or training seasons.

Camping/Fires

- ◆ Primitive camping (no water, electric hookups, bathrooms or other facilities) is permitted for up to 14 consecutive days when occupants are engaged in authorized activities. No more than 3 camping units are permitted per site.
- ◆ Camping is prohibited on or within 100 yards of any boat ramp or fishing lake or at other specific sites as posted.
- ◆ It is unlawful to leave a campfire unattended. From February 15 to April 30 campfires are allowed only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and midnight.

Firearms

- ◆ It is unlawful to have in possession or in a vehicle a bow or gun which is not unloaded and cased or dismantled except when it is lawful to take bear, deer, grouse, pheasants, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel or turkey; and additionally, migratory game birds on Department owned lands east of the Blue Ridge; or by permit issued by the Department; or by concealed handgun permit issued by a Circuit Court.
- ◆ It is unlawful to possess or transport a loaded gun in or on any vehicle at any time on a WMA.
- ◆ Target shooting is permitted on designated ranges only.

Fishing, Boating and Swimming

Please refer to the current Virginia Freshwater Fishing Regulations digest and posted signs for any special creel and size restrictions that may apply to wildlife management areas.

- ◆ It is unlawful to use boats propelled by gasoline motors, sail or by mechanically operated recreational paddle wheel, unless otherwise posted.
- ◆ Swimming is prohibited. Anglers actively engaged in fishing, hunters actively engaged in hunting, and trappers lawfully trapping may wade in public fishing lakes.
- ◆ It is unlawful to use trotlines on public fishing lakes.

General

- ◆ Activities involving groups of more than 12 persons require written authorization from the Department.
- ◆ Display or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public is prohibited.
- ◆ Commercial activities are prohibited except by written authorization from the Department.

Horseback/Bicycle Riding and Hiking

- ◆ Horseback and bicycle riding are welcome on all roads and trails unless otherwise posted. Please avoid riding in cultivated or planted fields, or on eroded areas. Riders and cyclists should be mindful of all open hunting seasons.
- ◆ Hiking is welcome. Hikers should be mindful of all open hunting seasons.
- ◆ Please avoid engaging in these activities when they may interfere with hunters, anglers, and wildlife watchers.
- ◆ Blaze orange hat or clothing is recommended for non-hunters during hunting seasons.

Hunting & Trapping

Please refer to the current hunting and trapping seasons found in this digest. Special seasons and bag limits that apply to a wildlife management area will be posted at the entrance.

Resource and Property Damage

- ◆ It is unlawful to construct or occupy any permanent structure (including a permanently-affixed tree stand) except by Department permit.
- ◆ It is unlawful to cut, mutilate, destroy or remove vegetation, or to remove minerals, artifacts or other property from the area. Metal detecting/artifact hunting is prohibited.
- ◆ It is unlawful to damage, deface, or remove any building, gate, fence, sign or other property.

Special Antler Rules

- ◆ It shall be unlawful to kill an antlered deer on Featherfin Wildlife Management Area or on the special Fairystone Quality Deer Management Area unless the deer has at least four antler points, 1 inch or longer, on either the right or left antler.

Vehicles

- ◆ Motor vehicles are prohibited behind barricades or gates designed to prevent entry or within areas otherwise posted to prohibit motor vehicles.
- ◆ Operation of ATVs and other unlicensed motor vehicles is prohibited.
- ◆ Cross-country motor vehicle travel (off-road travel) is prohibited.
- ◆ A motorized wheelchair suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area is not considered a motorized vehicle and, therefore, is not covered by any restrictions on the use of motorized vehicles on department owned lands. The term wheelchair means a device designed solely for use by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion that is suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.
- ◆ Motor vehicles, campers, and trailers may be parked on Department-owned lands only when the owners/responsible party are engaged in authorized activities.

Other uses are allowed only by written authorization from the Department or by posted rules.

Recreational Opportunities on Wildlife Management Areas

For more information go to Find Game at www.HuntFishVA.com

	Hunting	Trapping	Trout	Warm Water Fishing	Saltwater Fishing	Primitive Camping	Field Trials	Hiking	Birding/ Wildlife Trails	Boat Ramp	Ranges
Amelia *	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Big Survey	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓		
Briery Creek	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Cavalier/Dismal Swamp *	✓	✓							✓		
Chickahominy	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓	✓
Clinch Mountain	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Crooked Creek	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		
Dick Cross *	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Fairystone Farm	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓		
Featherfin *	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
Game Farm Marsh	✓	✓		✓							
Gathright	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓
Goshen	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			
Hardware River	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Havens	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓		
Hidden Valley	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Highland	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			
Hog Island *	✓				✓				✓		
Hog Island/Carlisle Tract	✓	✓		✓		✓				✓	
Horsepen Lake	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
James River	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Lake Robertson	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Lands End (no hunting)									✓		
Little North Mountain	✓	✓				✓		✓			
Merrimac Farm *	✓										
Mockhorn Island	✓	✓			✓	✓					
Mockhorn Island (GATR) *	✓				✓				✓		
Pettigrew	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
Phelps	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Powhatan	✓	✓		✓		✓					
Princess Anne *	✓				✓				✓	✓	
Ragged Island	✓	✓			✓				✓		
Rapidan	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		
Saxis	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓	
Stewarts Creek	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		
Thompson	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		
Turkeycock Mt.	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		
Weston (no hunting)				✓		✓		✓	✓		
White Oak Mt.	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓

* some or all hunting by quota drawing (see page 46)

✓ Available

National Forests

Day use fees are required on certain recreation areas. Please visit the George Washington/Jefferson National Forest Web site, www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj or contact the appropriate office below, for more information on fees and seasonal pass information.

Supervisor's Office: (540) 265-5100
 Clinch: (276) 328-2931
 North River: (540) 432-0188
 Glenwood-Pedlar: (540) 291-2189
 James River: (540) 962-2214
 Lee: (540) 984-4101
 Mt. Rogers National Recreation
 Area: (276) 783-5196
 Eastern Divide: (540) 552-4641
 Warm Springs: (540) 839-2521

Regulations Specific to National Forest and Game Department Lands

It shall be unlawful to have in possession a bow or gun which is not unloaded and cased or dismantled on all National Forest lands statewide, or on Department-owned lands and on lands managed by the Department under cooperative agreement in counties west of the Blue Ridge Mountains except during the period when it is lawful to take bear, deer, grouse, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, turkey or waterfowl on these lands; and on Department-owned lands and on lands managed by the Department under cooperative agreement in counties east of the Blue Ridge Mountains except during the period when it is lawful to take bear, deer, grouse, pheasant, quail, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, turkey, waterfowl or migratory game birds on these lands.

Except as provided by special concealed handgun permit, it shall be unlawful to possess or transport a loaded gun in or on any vehicle at any time on National Forest lands or Department-owned lands. "Loaded gun" is defined as a firearm in which ammunition is chambered or loaded in the magazine or clip, when such magazine or clip is found engaged or partially engaged in a firearm. The definition of a loaded muzzleloading gun will include a gun which is capped or has a charged pan.

The word "possession" shall include, but not be limited to, having any bow or

firearm in or on one's person, vehicle or conveyance.

It is unlawful to chase with a dog or train dogs on National Forest lands or Department-owned lands except during authorized hunting, chase or training seasons that specifically permit these activities on these lands.

Access Roads

Hunter access roads on Department lands seasonally open to motor vehicles will be open (weather permitting) from the 1st Saturday in October to the 2nd Saturday in February and the 1st Saturday in April to the 3rd Saturday in May.

Opening and closing dates of hunter access roads on National Forest Lands may vary by ranger district. Opening and closing dates are determined by management considerations for the areas accessed by these roads. Contact the local ranger district listed at left for opening and closing dates on specific roads.

Any motor driven vehicle using roads normally open to motor vehicles on Department and National Forest lands shall conform with all state laws for highway travel. No cross country travel is permitted. All terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) travel is permitted only on designated National Forest roads and trails.

Foot travel is invited on roads closed to motor vehicles.

Camping Policy

Primitive camping (no water, electric hookups, bathrooms or other facilities) is permitted on Department-owned lands, except as otherwise posted. Camping is prohibited on or within 100 yards of any Department-owned or controlled boat ramp or fishing lake. Camping on Depart-

ment-owned lands is not to exceed 14 consecutive days. Only 3 camping units permitted per site.

Camping on the George Washington/Jefferson National Forests for more than 21 consecutive days without terminating occupancy for a minimum of 10 consecutive days within a 31-day time period is prohibited. For more information, please visit the National Forest Web site www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj or call the appropriate office. **No trash service is provided. "Pack it in, Pack it out."**

Structures

It is unlawful to construct, maintain or occupy any permanent structure, except by permit, on Department-owned lands and National Forest lands.

It is unlawful to maintain any temporary dwelling on Department-owned land for more than 14 consecutive days. Persons constructing or occupying such structures are responsible for complete removal of temporary structures.

Tree Stands

It is unlawful to construct, maintain or occupy any permanent tree stand on Department-owned lands, National Forest lands and on Department of Conservation and Recreation-owned or controlled lands. Portable tree stands, which are not permanently affixed, may be used. Use of a safety harness while hunting from tree stands is strongly recommended.

Public Access Lands For Sportsmen (PALS)

PALS is a program that opens additional lands for public use. Through this cooperative private / public program the Department has opened more than 19,000 acres of private land in Dickenson County to public hunting, fishing and trapping. The property is owned by Heartwood Forestland Fund IV and managed by The Forestland Group, LLC. The Department manages access for hunting, fishing and trapping. PALS permits are only sold through license agents and the fee is \$18.00. Hunters, anglers and trappers must buy the permit from a license agent. Inquiries about this area should be directed to the Marion Regional Office at 276 / 783- 4860.

The Department hopes to provide additional PALS lands in the future across other parts of the Commonwealth.

Unauthorized Feeding

It is unlawful to place or direct the placement of, deposit, distribute, or scatter food or salt capable of attracting or being eaten by bear, deer or turkey on National Forest lands and Department-owned lands. This regulation does not prohibit the proper disposal of food in trash receptacles provided by the National Forest or by the Department. See page 13 for other feeding restrictions.

State Forests

Hunting is allowed on Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, Prince Edward-Gallion State Forest, Cumberland State Forest, and Sandy Point State Forest (contact 804-492-4121), and Channels State Forest (contact 276-676-5488). A State Forest Hunting Permit is required and may be purchased from license agents or online at <http://www.HuntFishVA.com/licenses>. No motorized vehicles permitted on gated roads and trails (opened or closed). Information on regulations governing the use of state forests is available at: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/stforest/regulations.shtml>

State Parks

Virginia State Parks offers a wide variety of outdoor recreational opportunities for the entire family, including hunting opportunities. These range from open hunting in designated areas to managed deer hunts where individuals participate through a reservation or lottery system. Managed deer hunts are a tool in Virginia State Parks' overall deer management program. Specific sites that offer hunting may change from year to year. Participating hunters are asked to support our efforts by following harvest guidelines associated with each hunt.

Specific information is available on the Web site at <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/parks/hunting/htm>.

Federal Refuges

Hunting is allowed on the following National Wildlife Refuges in Virginia. For more information, contact the appropriate refuge manager at:

- *Back Bay: (757) 721-2412
- Chincoteague: (757) 336-6122
- *Dismal Swamp: (757) 986-3705
- Eastern Shore: (757) 331-2760
- James River: (804) 829-9020 or (804) 333-1470
- Mason Neck/Occoquan: (703) 490-4979
- *Plum Tree Island: (804) 829-9020 or (804) 333-1470
- *Presquile: (804) 829-9020 or (804) 333-1470
- *Rappahannock River Valley: (804) 333-1470

*Quota hunts are offered through VDGIF Quota Hunt program, see pages 46-49

Military Areas

Fort A.P. Hill

Archery Season: October 4–November 14.

Muzzleloading Season: November 1–November 14.

General Firearms: November 15–January 3. One deer per day. Either sex deer hunting on Saturdays and November 17–21 and Dec. 29–Jan. 2. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

All persons 12 years of age and older must present a hunter education certificate in order to purchase an A.P. Hill hunting permit.

Contact Fort A.P. Hill Game Check Station at (804) 633-8244 for details about the hunter education requirements, permits and fees required to hunt on Post; and restrictions, seasons and bag limits for all other game species.

Fort Pickett

Deer:

General Firearms: November 15–January 3. Two per day, six per year, either-sex deer hunting on Wednesdays and November 22, November 29 and December 29–January 3.

Quail:

Hunting permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

Contact the Ft. Pickett Game Check Station at (434) 292-2618 for further details about seasons and special restrictions.

Quantico Marine Reservation

Deer:

General Firearms: November 15–January 3. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Open half day on Thanksgiving Day.

Archery Season: October 4–November 14.

No Muzzleloading Season.

Consult Quantico Game Check Station for daily and seasonal bag limits, other seasons and further details, at (703) 784-5523.

Fort Belvoir

Archery Only: qualification required.

Deer: September 6, 2008–March 28, 2009.

Spring Turkey: April 11–May 16, 2009.

Contact Outdoor Recreation staff at (703) 805-3688 for further details.

National Parks

Hunting is prohibited in all National Parks in Virginia. Hunters may obtain hunter parking access permits from the Blue Ridge Parkway National Park Service to park at designated areas along the Blue Ridge Parkway and cross national park lands (firearms must be unloaded and cased) to hunt on National Forest lands. For further information call (540) 377-2377.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

John H. Kerr Reservoir

The John H. Kerr Reservoir is a federally managed multipurpose project located on the Virginia-North Carolina border. It consists of a 50,000 acre reservoir and 55,000 acres of land surrounding the lake which offers 40,000 acres open to hunting. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains 26 wildlife management areas located around Kerr Reservoir. For more information contact:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1930 Mays Chapel Road
Boydton, VA 23917
(434) 738-6143
<http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/jhkerr/index.htm>

John W. Flannagan Reservoir

The John W. Flannagan Reservoir in western Dickenson County provides 6,400-acres of land open to public hunting. The area offers deer, black bear, wild turkey, and small game hunting opportunities. For further information, contact:

(276) 835-9544
<http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/lakes/jwfl/>

2008- 2009 Quota Hunts

General Information/ Application

The Department's Quota Hunts require hunters to apply pre-season and be selected by random drawing to hunt waterfowl and/or big and small game. A non-refundable application fee of \$7.50 will be applied to each hunt except the Radford Deer Hunt. A \$10.00 non-refundable application fee is required for the Radford Deer Hunt. A hunter may apply by mail, telephone or through the Agency Web site at www.HuntFishVA.com. When applying by mail, copy and fill-out the application on pages 51-52 or download the application from the Agency Web site. Mail application to: Virginia Quota Hunts, c/o CyberData, Inc., P.O. Box 9009, Hicksville, New York 11802. Remit check(s) payable to: CyberData, Inc. When applying by telephone, please have your credit card number available, call between the hours of 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 1-877-VAHUNTS (1-877-824-8687).

NOTE: Hunters will be notified by U.S. mail or e-mail if selected or not selected for each hunt applied.

Waterfowl

Hog Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Series #101

Hunt waterfowl at Hog Island WMA in Surry County. Hunt includes half day hunting each Saturday during the last segments of the general duck season. Hunting parties are provided a blind, boat and decoys for the hunt. Nine (9) hunters are randomly selected for each day of hunting, and selected hunters are allowed two guests. Limited access to the area requires hunters be transported by Department personnel to their blind location. Dogs are allowed and recommended.

Note: Hunters must arrive before 5:00 a.m. The stand-by drawing will be conducted at 4:45 a.m. to assign order for replacing "no show" slots.

Hunt dates: TBA (to be announced)

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Princess Anne WMA Waterfowl Hunts Series #102

Hunt waterfowl on managed impoundments at Princess Anne WMA in Virginia Beach. Hunt includes half day

hunting each Wednesday during the last segments of the general duck season. Hunting parties are provided a blind, boat and decoys for the half day. Four hunters will be randomly selected for each day of hunting and selected hunters are allowed two guests. Dogs are allowed and recommended.

Hunt dates: TBA

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Dutch Gap Conservation Area Waterfowl Hunts

Series #103

Hunt waterfowl on the Dutch Gap Conservation Area in Chesterfield County. Hunt days are during the last two segments of the waterfowl season. Each successful applicant will be allowed two guests. Three hunters will be randomly selected for each set of hunt dates. Hunting is from floating blinds at designated blind stakes. No boats or decoys are provided with this hunt.

Hunt dates: TBA

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Tundra Swan Permit

Series #104

Tundra Swan hunting is by permit only. Each permit holder will be authorized to take one Tundra Swan. The hunt area is limited to east of U.S. Route I-95 and south of Chopawamsic Creek on the Prince William / Stafford County line.

TUNDRA SWAN season: TBA.

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Lake Orange Waterfowl Hunts

Series # 105

Hunt waterfowl on Lake Orange, Orange County. Hunt days are Wednesdays and Saturdays during the last two segments of the waterfowl season. Each successful applicant will be allowed two guests. One hunter will be randomly selected for each hunt date. Hunting will only be allowed on a designated section(s) of Lake Orange. Floating blinds, anchored within 50 feet of shore or portable blinds will be allowed along the designated shoreline.

Hunt dates: TBA

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Dick Cross WMA Waterfowl Hunts

Series # 106

Hunt waterfowl on designated impoundments at Dick Cross WMA in Mecklenburg County. Hunt days are every

Wednesday during the last two segments of the waterfowl season. Two hunters will be randomly selected for each hunt date. Hunts begin a half hour before sunrise and end at 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Selected hunters may bring two guests. Hunters must provide decoys. Dogs are allowed. There are no boat landings or direct vehicular access provided. Small boats or canoes may be used but must be transported on foot.

Hunt Dates: TBA

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Princess Anne WMA Floating Blind Stake Waterfowl Hunts

Series #107

Hunt waterfowl for half days on the waters of Back Bay and North Landing River in the City of Virginia Beach. There are 56 floating blind stakes available for hunting. Drawing order will be randomly selected for each hunt day prior to the hunting season. Each hunt day, hunters present will select their blind in the order assigned by the preseason drawing. Drawings start promptly at 5:00 a.m. Each hunter is allowed THREE guests. Hunters who are late or without a draw number can participate in a standby drawing starting promptly at 5:15 a.m. Limited water access to the area requires that all hunting parties have a boat/ float blind and float blind license. All hunters are required to stop hunting at 1:00 p.m. and have all decoys retrieved and be away from the blind stakes by 2:00 p.m. It is recommended that each hunting party visit the hunting area prior to the season to locate boat access, blind stakes, and scout the area in general. You must be familiar with the area to locate the blind stakes before shooting time!

Hunt days: Opening days, Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and state holidays.

Hunt dates: TBA

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Plum Tree National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunts

Series # 108

Hunt waterfowl for full days on the Cow Island Unit of Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge in the City of Poquoson. Hunting is available from 6 licensed blind locations. Hunters select preferred dates for two-day hunt packages during the last two segments of the regular duck season. Each hunter selected is

allowed 2 guests. Hunters must provide their own boat access to the refuge, decoys, and hunting gear. Dogs are permitted and encouraged. The nearest boat launch access to the hunting area is from the Rens Road Public Boat Ramp in Poquoson.

Hunt Days: Opening Days, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Holidays

Hunt dates: TBA

Application due: October 3, 2008

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/plumtreeisland/hunting.html> or (804) 829-9020.

Deer

Hog Island WMA Deer Hunts

Series # 201

Archery hunting for white-tailed deer on the Hog Island WMA in Surry County during the dates listed below. A total of seven hunters are selected for each set of hunt days. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest. Hunters must be present for a 5:00 a.m. pre-hunt briefing on first hunt day of assigned period. Stand-by drawings will be held at the conclusion of the briefing for replacing “no-show” slots.

Hunt dates archery: October (no Sunday hunting) 4 & 6-8, 9-11, 13-15, 16-18, 2008

Applications due: August 29, 2008

Hog Island WMA Deer Hunts

Series # 202

Muzzleloader hunting for white-tailed deer on the Hog Island WMA in Surry County during the dates listed below. A total of seven hunters are selected for each set of hunt days. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest. Hunters must be present for a 5:00 a.m. pre-hunt briefing on first hunt day of assigned period. Stand-by drawings will be held at the conclusion of the briefing for replacing “no-show” slots.

Hunt dates muzzleloader: October 20-22, 23-25, 2008

Applications due: August 29, 2008

Hog Island WMA Deer Hunts

Series # 203

Firearms hunting for white-tailed deer on the Hog Island WMA in Surry County during the dates listed below. A total of seven hunters are selected for each set of hunt days. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest. Hunters must be present for a 5:00 a.m. pre-hunt brief-

ing on first hunt day of assigned period. Stand-by drawings will be held at the conclusion of the briefing for replacing “no-show” slots.

Hunt dates firearm: October 27-29, 30 - November 1, 2008

Applications due: August 29, 2008

Mockhorn Island WMA Deer Hunts

Series # 204

Muzzleloader hunting for white-tailed deer on the GATR Tract of Mockhorn Island WMA in Northampton County during the dates listed below. The 365-acre GATR Tract is the mainland portion of Mockhorn Island WMA on the Eastern Shore. This tract is accessible by vehicle. A total of two hunters are selected for each set of hunt dates. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest.

Hunt dates muzzleloader: November 1-5 (no Sunday hunting), November 6-8, November 10-12, November 13-14 (two days only) 2008.

Applications due: August 29, 2008

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge and False Cape State Park Deer and Hog Hunt

Series # 205

Shotgun hunting for white-tailed deer and feral hogs on Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge and False Cape State Park in the City of Virginia Beach for the dates listed below. A total of 116 hunters are selected per hunt day. A stand-by drawing will be available for “no shows”. Please note: for successful applicants there will be an additional hunt fee of \$10.00/day to the Back Bay NWR / False Cape SP payable on the day of the hunt. For complete hunt information and zone maps go to the following Web sites before registering for this hunt: <http://www.fws.gov/backbay/hunting.htm> or http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/hunting.shtml

Hunt dates: October 4, 6-8 and 23-25, 2008. Check Web sites for additional dates when set.

Application due: August 29, 2008.

Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Series # 206

Archery hunting for white-tailed deer on the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Caroline, Essex, King George, Richmond and Westmoreland counties for the dates listed

below. Hunt tracts include: Hutchinson, Thomas (Essex County); Mothershead (Westmoreland County); Toby's Point (King George County); Tayloe, Laurel Grove, Wright, Franklin (Richmond County); Port Royal (Caroline County). *Please note:* for successful applicants there will be an additional hunt fee of \$25/season to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Successful applicants will be notified by U.S. mail on where to mail hunt fee. Applications for unfilled hunt slots will be accepted (on a walk-in basis only) from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday, beginning September 30, 2008.

Hunt dates archery:

Season I–October 4-17 (except Sundays); Season II–October 18-31 (except Sundays) 2008

Application due: August 29, 2008

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/rappahannock/hunting.html> or (804) 333-1470.

Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Series # 207

Muzzleloader hunting for white-tailed deer on the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Essex, King George and Richmond counties for the dates listed below. Hunt tracts include: Hutchinson (Essex County); Toby's Point (King George County); Laurel Grove, Tayloe, Wilna, Wright (Richmond County). Applicants may apply for multiple hunt dates. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest. *Please note:* for successful applicants there will be an additional hunt fee of \$10/day per hunter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Successful applicants will be notified by U.S. mail on where to mail hunt fee. Applications for unfilled hunt slots will be accepted (on a walk-in basis only) from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday, beginning October 21, 2008.

Hunt dates muzzleloader: November 1, 7, 8, 2008

Application due: August 29, 2008

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/rappahannock/hunting.html> or (804) 333-1470.

Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge

Series # 208

Firearms hunting for white-tailed deer on the Rappahannock River Valley

National Wildlife Refuge in Essex, King George and Richmond counties for the dates listed below. Hunt tracts include: Hutchinson (Essex County); Toby's Point (King George County); Laurel Grove, Tayloe, Wilna, Wright (Richmond County). Applicants may apply for multiple hunt dates. Each successful hunter will be allowed one guest. *Please note:* for successful applicants there will be an additional hunt fee of \$10/day per hunter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Successful applicants will be notified by U.S. mail on where to mail hunt fee. Applications for unfilled hunt slots will be accepted (on a walk-in basis only) from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. every Tuesday–Thursday, beginning October 21, 2008.

Hunt dates firearms: November 15, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 2008

Application due: August 29, 2008

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/rappahannock/hunting.html> or (804) 333-1470.

Presquile National Wildlife Refuge Series # 209

Firearms hunting for white-tailed deer on the Presquile National Wildlife Refuge in Chesterfield County for the dates listed below. Presquile is an island in the James River near Hopewell, Virginia. Hunters must provide their own boat access to the island and hunting gear. Boat launch access to the refuge is from Deep Bottom public boat ramp (Henrico County) or Hopewell Marina (launch fee collected on site), City of Hopewell. *Please note:* for successful applicants there will be an additional hunt fee of \$10/day per hunter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Successful applicants will be notified by U.S. mail on where to mail hunt fee.

Hunt dates firearms: November 17, 22; December 1, 2008

Application due: August 29, 2008

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/presquile/hunting.html> or (804) 829-9020.

James River National Wildlife Refuge Series # 210

Archery hunting for white-tailed deer on the James River National Wildlife Refuge in Prince George County for the dates listed below. *Please note:* for successful applicants there will be an additional hunt fee of \$50/season to the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service. Successful applicants will be notified by U.S. mail on where to mail hunt fee.

Hunt dates archery: October 4–25, 2008 (except Sundays)

Application due: August 29, 2008

More information: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/jamesriver/hunting.html> or (804) 829-9020.

Radford Army Ammunition Plant Deer Hunts Series # 211

Hunt quality white-tailed deer at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RAAP) in Pulaski County. Bow hunting and shotgun hunting are allowed. Hunters and the day they will hunt are selected by computer drawing. Applications are limited to one per hunter per year. The application is found on page 53. Hunters who are drawn must submit to a background check as required by the Department of Defense. Information regarding background checks will be supplied to successful applicants. A list of "Frequently Asked Questions" about the Radford Hunt is posted at www.HuntFishVA.com; go to Hunting, Quota Hunts.

Hunt dates archery: October 18, 25, 2008

Hunt dates shotgun: November 15, 19, 22, 29 and December 3, 6, 2008

Application due: August 15, 2008

Multi-Species WMA Hunts

Cavalier and Dismal Swamp Tract (formerly Dismal Swamp WMA) WMA Hunts Series # 301

Hunt white-tailed deer and any other legal game species in season during the General Deer Firearm season in the City of Chesapeake. A total of 40 hunters are selected for each set of hunt dates. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest. No center fire rifles permitted. Note: The Dismal Swamp Tract of the Cavalier Wildlife Management Area is a separate parcel of land and not to be confused with the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge.

Hunt dates firearm: October 1–4, 6–8, 9–11, 13–15, 16–18, 20–22, 23–25, 27–29, 30–November 1, 3–5, 6–8, 10–12, 13–15, 17–19, 20–22, 24–26, 27–29, 2008

Applications due: August 29, 2008

Featherfin WMA Series # 302

Hunt any game species in season on the Featherfin WMA in Appomattox, Buckingham, and Prince Edward Counties. A total of 14 hunters are selected for each set of hunt days. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest. Applicants who do not receive their preferred hunt dates will be assigned random hunt dates. Hunter quota restrictions do not apply on open hunting season dates other than those listed below. A special 4-pt. antler rule is posted and applies during all open deer seasons.

Hunt dates: Nov 1–5 (no Sunday Hunting), 6–8, 10–12, 13–15, 17–19, 20–22, 24–26, 27–29, Dec 1–3, 4–6, 8–10, 11–13, 15–17, 18–20, 22–24, 25–27, 29–31, Jan 1–3, 2009.

Applications due: August 29, 2008

New –Merrimac Farm WMA Series # 303

Hunt any game species in season (except quail) on the Merrimac Farm WMA in Prince William County. One hunter will be selected for each set of hunt days. Each successful applicant will be allowed one guest. Deer must be hunted from elevated stands. Dogs may be used to find and retrieve game, except for deer.

Hunt dates: (No Sunday hunting) Oct. 4–7, 11–14, 23–25, Nov. 1–4, 8–11, 15–18, 27–29, Dec. 11–13, 26–29, 2008, Jan. 1–3, 15–17, 29–31, 2009.

Applications due: August 29, 2008

2009 Spring Turkey Hunts

Featherfin WMA Series # 401

Hunt spring gobblers on the Featherfin WMA in Appomattox, Buckingham, and Prince Edward Counties. A total of six hunters are selected to hunt during each set of hunt days. Successful applicants will be entitled to bring one guest. April 4, 2009 is a youth turkey hunting day. Adults are not permitted to carry firearms on this day. To apply for the YOUTH HUNTING DAY applicants must be licensed adults 18 years old or older. The successful applicant may chaperone one youth 15 years of age or younger on April 4th. Hunter quota restrictions are not in effect from May 4th–May 16th.

Hunt dates: April 4, 2009 (Youth Day), April 11–15 (no Sunday hunting), April

16-18, April 20-22, April 23-25, April 27-29, April 30 - May 2, 2009.

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Amelia WMA

Series # 402

Hunt spring gobblers on the Amelia WMA in Amelia County. A total of three hunters are selected to hunt during each set of hunt days. Successful applicants will be entitled to bring one guest. April 4, 2009 is a youth turkey hunting day. Adults are not permitted to carry firearms on this day. To apply for the YOUTH HUNTING DAY applicants must be licensed adults 18 years old or older. The successful applicant may chaperone one youth 15 years of age or younger on April 4th. Hunter quota restrictions are not in effect from May 4 - May 16, 2009.

Hunt dates: April 4, 2009 (Youth Day), April 11-15 (no Sunday hunting), April 16-18, April 20-22, April 23-25, April 27-29, April 30 - May 2, 2009.

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Mockhorn Island WMA Spring Turkey Hunts

Series #403

Hunt spring gobblers on the GATR Tract of Mockhorn Island WMA, Northampton County. The GATR Tract is the mainland part of Mockhorn Island WMA on the Eastern Shore. A total of one hunter is selected for each hunt segment. Each successful applicant will be allowed two guests. April 4, 2009 is a youth turkey hunting day. Adults are not permitted to carry firearms on this day. To apply for the YOUTH HUNTING DAY applicants must be licensed adults 18 years old or older. The successful applicant may chaperone one youth 15 years of age or younger on April 4. Hunter quota restrictions are not in effect from May 4 - May 16, 2009.

Hunt dates: April 4, 2009 (Youth Day), April 11-15 (no Sunday hunting), April 16-18, April 20-22, April 23-25, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, 2009.

Applications due: October 3, 2008.

New-Merrimac Farm WMA

Series # 404

Hunt spring gobblers on the Merrimac Farm WMA in Prince William County. One hunter will be selected for each hunting segment listed below. The successful applicant drawn for Segment 1

will be allowed to chaperone a youth as a guest on that day. Each applicant may harvest no more than one turkey per hunt segment. Any turkey harvested by the youth hunter on the Youth Hunting day will not count towards the applicant's bag limit.

Hunt Dates: Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays only.

Segment 1 - April 4 (Youth Day) and April 17-25, 2009.

Segment 2 - May 1-16, 2009.

Applications due: October 3, 2008

Bear

Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Series #501

Parameters for the 2008 bear hunt at Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge have not yet been established. Therefore, applications for the bear hunting season are not being accepted through the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries system. Once decisions are made regarding the hunt, the National Wildlife Refuge and DGIF will notify the public. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For up-to-date information, please refer to the Refuge Web site at: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/greatdismalswamp/Hunting.htm>.

Small Game

Dove

New Kent Forestry Center Dove Hunts Series #601

Hunt doves on designated fields at the Department of Forestry Center in Providence Forge. Hunt dates are Labor Day, the second Saturday and the third Saturday of the dove season. 45 hunters will be randomly selected for each hunt date. Hunts start at 12:00 Noon and end at 5:00 p.m. Selected hunters may bring one guest. Dogs are allowed.

Hunt dates: TBA

Application due: August 1, 2008

Rabbit

New-New Kent Forestry Center Rabbit Hunts Series #602

Hunt rabbits at the Department of Forestry Center in Providence Forge. One hunter will be randomly selected for a three day hunt period. The selected hunter will be entitled to hunt on the forestry cen-

ter for a three day period. The selected hunter may bring five hunting guests each time he hunts. Dogs are allowed.

Hunt dates: February 5-7, 2009

Applications due: August 29, 2008

Quail

New-New Kent Forestry Quail Hunt Series #603

Hunt quail at the Department of Forestry Center in Providence Forge. One hunter will be randomly selected for a three day hunt period. The selected hunter will be entitled to hunt on the forestry center for a three day period. The selected hunter may bring two hunting guests each time he hunts. Dogs are allowed.

Hunt dates: January 12-14, 2009

Applications due: August 29, 2008

NOTE: For information on Quota Hunts go to: www.HuntFishVA.com, select Hunting, Quota Hunts.

2008-2009 Managed Hunts and Workshops

The Department's Managed Hunts are generally by on-site random drawings or by application through the local Regional Wildlife Office. Hunting opportunities are provided on various Department Wildlife Management Areas. For information on Managed Hunts, go to the Agency Web site at: www.HuntFishVA.com, select Managed Hunts.

Waterfowl

Hog Island WMA September Waterfowl Hunts

Hunt resident Canada geese and teal when in season each Saturday for half a day on Hog Island WMA in Surry County. A total of 30 hunters are selected each morning of the hunt. There are no blinds or decoys provided for these hunts. Dogs are allowed and recommended.

Hunt days: Saturdays.

Hunt dates: TBA

Drawing begins promptly at 5:00 a.m.

Hog Island-Youth Waterfowl Day

This is an opportunity for 30 youth to hunt waterfowl on the Hog Island WMA in Surry County. The Department in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited will host a youth waterfowl hunting day in October

(to be announced Sept. 1, 2008, see Agency Web site). Only youths may hunt and carry a firearm. The hunt is restricted to youths (15 years of age and under) and each youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult (only the youth may carry a firearm). All youth hunters are to be registered for this event. To register, contact the Hog Island WMA after September 1, 2008 at 757 / 357 - 5224. There are no blinds or decoys provided for these hunts. Dogs are allowed and recommended.

Hunt date: TBA

Hunters to arrive before 5:00 a.m.

Princess Anne WMA Float Blind September Canada Goose/Teal Hunts and October Waterfowl

Hunt September Canada geese/teal and waterfowl (during the October waterfowl season) on the Princess Anne WMA in Virginia Beach. The area's 56 float blind stakes are available to float blind hunters on a first come, first served basis. Hunters are not allowed to tie float blinds to stakes before 5:00 a.m. Half-day (until 1:00 p.m.) hunting allowed on Opening Day, Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and State Holidays. It is recommended that each hunting party visit the hunting area prior to the season to locate boat access, blind stakes, and scout the area in general. You must be familiar with the area to locate the blind stakes before shooting time. Dogs are allowed and recommended.

Hunt days: Opening Day, Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and State Holidays.

Hunt dates:

September Geese: TBA

September Teal: TBA

October Waterfowl: TBA

(No Sunday Hunting)

Hunters may not tie up to blind stakes until 5:00 a.m.

Princess Anne WMA Stationary Blind September Canada Goose/Teal Hunts and October Waterfowl

This is an opportunity to hunt September Canada geese/teal and waterfowl during the October waterfowl season on the Princess Anne WMA in Virginia Beach. The area's impoundment system will be first come, first served. The area offers half-day (until 1:00 p.m.) hunting

on Opening Day, Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and State Holidays. Hunters are required to park in the designated parking areas off Munden Road.

Hunt days: Opening Day, Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays and State Holidays.

Hunt dates:

September Geese: TBA

September Teal: TBA

October Waterfowl: TBA

(No Sunday Hunting)

Hunters may not occupy area before 5:00 a.m.

Princess Anne WMA Late Snow Goose Hunts

This is an opportunity for float blind hunters to hunt snow geese at the Princess Anne WMA after the general duck season. The Princess Anne blind stakes and impoundments at Back Bay are available for snow goose hunting after the general duck season. These hunts will be permitted after the general duck season and will be on a first come, first served basis. Daily hunting times will be 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

Season dates: TBA

Princess Anne WMA - Youth Waterfowl Day

Float blind stakes will be open on a first come, first served basis to youths 15 years or younger when accompanied by an adult.

The Department will host a youth waterfowl hunting day in October (to be announced September 1, 2008, see Agency Web site). Only youths may hunt and carry a firearm. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a licensed adult. Depending upon impoundment conditions and number of participants there may be an option to use blinds on Beasley

and Whitehurst tracts. This will be coordinated at the Trojan club house at 5:00 a.m. on the hunt day.

Hunt day: TBA

Hunters to arrive promptly at 5:00 a.m.

Deer Hunts-Disabled Hunters

C.F. Phelps WMA Deer Hunt for the Disabled

This is an opportunity for persons with permanent disabilities to hunt white-tailed deer on the Hogue Tract of the C.F. Phelps WMA in Fauquier County. Two disabled hunters per day are chosen to hunt during the archery, muzzleloader and general firearms deer seasons. Each successful applicant may be accompanied by one companion, who may hunt if properly licensed. Applications for this special hunt must include the name, date of birth, address and telephone number (business and home), hunting license number, vehicle description and vehicle license number of the disabled hunter and companion hunter, and 2 preferred hunting dates. The application should be mailed to: Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, ATTN: Hogue Tract Hunt, 1320 Belman Road, Fredericksburg, VA. 22401.

Applications must be received by the close of business on September 20, 2008.

Hunt dates archery: October 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27, and 29, 2008

Hunt dates muzzleloader: November 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, and 12, 2008

Hunt dates general firearms: November 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, and 27, 2008

Hunting Workshops - Deer

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will host a Generations Deer Hunting Workshop on the Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Prince William County. For registration information on workshop dates and times, contact the Fredericksburg Regional Office at (540) 899- 4169.

Workshop date: Saturday, December 13, 2008

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries reserves the right to manage hunter access and hunter use on Department-owned and controlled lands as deemed appropriate.



Youth Waterfowl Hunt; photo by Lee Walker



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or APPLY BY MAIL

1 SELECT HUNTS TO APPLY FOR

Check the boxes of the hunts you want to apply for and specify your hunt day preference. Indicate if you are willing to accept any hunt day in the event you do not win for your hunt day preference. You may apply for each hunt only one time. Duplicate entries for the same hunt will be disqualified. You may apply more than once for hunts 205, 207, & 208 but not for the same day and you must fill out separate applications and pay the application fee each time.

*I will accept
any date*

#	TITLE	HUNT DAY PREF.	Y	N	ZONE/TRACK PREF.	APPLIC. DUE
WATERFOWL	<input type="checkbox"/> 101 Hog Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zone/Track Preference not applicable for these hunts	10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 102 Princess Anne WMA Waterfowl Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 103 Dutch Gap Conservation Area Waterfowl Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 104 Tundra Swan Permit		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 105 Lake Orange Waterfowl Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 106 Dick Cross WMA Waterfowl Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 107 Princess Anne WMA Floating Blind Stake Waterfowl Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 108 Plum Tree Island National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
DEER	<input type="checkbox"/> 201 Hog Island WMA Deer Hunts (Archery)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 202 Hog Island WMA Deer Hunts (Muzzleloader)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 203 Hog Island WMA Deer Hunts (Firearms)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 204 Mockhorn Island WMA Deer Hunts (Muzzleloader)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 205 Back Bay Natl Wildlife Refuge, False Cape St. Park Deer & Hog Hunt ¹		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 206 Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Archery) ⁴					8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 207 Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Muzzleloader) ³		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 208 Rappahannock River Valley Natioanl Wildlife Refuge (Firearms) ³		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 209 Presquile National Wildlife Refuge (Firearms) ³		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 James River National Wildlife Refuge (Archery) ²	Oct. 4 - Oct. 25				8/29/2008
MULTI-SPECIES WMA HUNTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 301 Cavalier & Dismal Swamp Tract WMA Hunts (formerly Dismal Swamp WMA)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 302 Featherfin WMA		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 303 Merrimac Farm WMA (NEW)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
2009 SPRING TURKEY HUNTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 401 Featherfin WMA		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 402 Amelia WMA		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 403 Mockhorn Island WMA Spring Turkey Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 404 Merrimac Farm WMA (NEW)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		10/3/2008
BEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> 501 Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge ²	Dec. 5 - Dec. 6				10/3/2008
SMALL GAME	<input type="checkbox"/> 601 New Kent Forestry Center Dove Hunts		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/1/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 602 New Kent Forestry Center Rabbit Hunts (NEW)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008
	<input type="checkbox"/> 603 New Kent Forestry Center Quail Hunts (NEW)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		8/29/2008

For winning applicants of certain hunts there will be an additional hunt fee either payable by mail in advance of the hunt or payable on the day of the hunt. Information on additional payments will be sent via US Mail with the winning applicants' package. See footnotes for corresponding fees.

¹ \$10.00 payable on the day of the hunt

² \$50 for the season payable by mail in advance of the hunt

³ \$10.00 payable by mail

⁴ \$25 for the season payable by mail in advance of the hunt

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2008 - 2009 HUNTING SEASON QUOTA HUNTS



APPLY BY MAIL (continued)

2 CALCULATE FEES # OF HUNT(S) SELECTED **X \$7.50 (each) = \$**

I WISH TO PAY BY: ☐ **CHECK** A **non-refundable** application fee of \$7.50 per hunt applies. Make check payable to **CyberData, Inc.**

☐ **CREDIT CARD** Fill in the information below as it appears on your credit card statement. Please print clearly.

Name
(as it appears on the credit card)

Address
(Street address, City, State, Zip)

Credit Card # CW2/CID#

CC Expiration Date Signature **X**

I authorize the use of this credit card for the amount detailed above.

3 ENTER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Fill in all fields. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Please print clearly.

APPLICANT NAME:

Last First M.I.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Street

City State Zip Code

Daytime Phone# Evening Phone#

Email Address

DATE OF BIRTH: 2008-2009 HUNTING LIC# (REQUIRED)

4 MAIL APPLICATION (WITH FEE) TO:

Virginia Quota Hunts
c/o CyberData, Inc.
P.O. Box 9009
Hicksville, New York 11802

IMPORTANT: If paying by check, include a **non-refundable** application fee of \$7.50 for **each** hunt applied for. Make check payable to: **CyberData, Inc.**
If paying by credit card, check that all the credit card information is correct in the form above. Sign your name (the card holder) on the signature line.

All winning applicants will be notified by mail or email of their drawing result. All permits are **non-transferable**. Guest(s) must be accompanied by the permit holder.

Application by Phone: Available Monday - Friday (9:30 am - 4:30 pm EST) Call **1-877-VAHUNTS**



DEPARTMENT OF GAME & INLAND FISHERIES

2008 RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT DEER HUNT

IMPORTANT: Your application must be received on or before August 15, 2008 to be included in the drawing.

APPLY ONLINE
www.vaquotahunts.com
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APPLICANT

Fill in all fields. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Please print clearly.
 If non-1st time hunter, make sure name is identical to previous years.

Last		First		M.I.	
Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
DAYTIME PHONE#:		DATE OF BIRTH: (REQUIRED)			
EVENING PHONE#:		KEY NUMBER: (appears on last year's drawing results letter)		*	
EMAIL ADDRESS:					

* Not required for 1st time applicants.

CO-APPLICANT

Last		First		M.I.	
Address					
City		State		Zip Code	
DAYTIME PHONE#:		DATE OF BIRTH: (REQUIRED)			
EVENING PHONE#:		KEY NUMBER: (appears on last year's drawing results letter)		*	
EMAIL ADDRESS:					

* Not required for 1st time applicants.

STANDS FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED: There are a limited number of wheelchair accessible stands.

☐ I am mobility impaired and interested in applying for one of these stands.
☐ I will be accompanied by a non-hunting assistant

Assistant's name

Assistant's Date of Birth

WEAPON CHOICE

Check only one: ☐ SHOTGUN ¹ ☐ ARCHERY ²
 Nov. 15, 19, 22, 29, Dec. 3, 6 Oct. 18, 25

¹ HUNTER SAFETY COURSE REQUIRED
² QUALIFICATION REQUIRED - SKILLS TEST

RULES & REGULATIONS: (PLEASE READ)

The New River Unit of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant is a 2,800 acre area managed for quality white-tailed deer. This year's hunting dates will be **October 18, and October 25 for archery, and November 15, November 19, November 22, November 29, December 3, and December 6 for shotgun.** The Department of Game & Inland Fisheries uses a computer drawing to select individuals and the day they will hunt. There are three ways to apply for the Radford Hunt: 1) On-line at www.vaquotahunts.com 2) toll-free at 1-877-VAHUNTS (1-877-824-8687), or 3) by mail:

- 1 Fill out this application**
 Incomplete applications will be disqualified.
- 2 Include a \$10.00 application fee**
 Money order, personal, or cashier's check made out to CyberData, Inc.
 Fee is non-refundable.
- 3 and mail to:**
Virginia Quota Hunts
 c/o CyberData, Inc.
 P.O. Box 9009
 Hicksville, NY 11802

Your application must be received on or before August 15, 2008 to be included in the drawing. NEW DATE

- One application per applicant/coapplicant. Submitting more than one application will not increase your chances of being drawn.
- Applicants must be at least 12 years of age. Successful applicants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult possessing a valid hunting license. Adults accompanying applicants under 18 will not be allowed to hunt.
- Successful applicants will be notified through mail or email by October 1. Unsuccessful applicants will also receive notification of the drawing results.
- Antlerless deer are the only legal game, except during either-sex hunts. In order to qualify to apply for a drawing to participate in an either-sex hunt, an individual's previous hunt must have been an antlerless hunt.
- Hunt applicants may apply individually or with a coapplicant on the same application. When applying with a coapplicant for an either-sex hunt, both applicants' most recent hunt at RAAP must have been for antlerless deer. When applying with a coapplicant for any hunt, standing for the drawing will be based on the lower number of preference points of the two applicants.
- Successful applicants must possess all appropriate VA hunting license(s). All Federal & State game laws are applicable.
- All shooting will be done from elevated stands. Hunters must remain within 50 yards of stand unless accompanied by a VDGIF representative.
- For archery hunting, bow must be capable of propelling a broadhead arrow at least 125 yards. Broadhead arrow points must be at least 7/8 inch wide. Broadheads must be covered with quiver. A maximum of four (4) arrows will be allowed. All archery hunters selected will be required to qualify prior to hunting by shooting two (2) of three (3) arrows into a target 3 inches in diameter at 20 and 30 yard distances from a stand elevated 14 feet above the ground. **THOSE WHO DO NOT QUALIFY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HUNT.** Dates and locations for qualifying will be furnished to successful applicants.
- Shotgun hunters will be required to wear a blaze orange cap and vest or jacket. Only slugs will be allowed. Shotguns must be 20 gauge or larger. A maximum of three (3) shells will be allowed. Only factory loaded shells are permitted. Scopes may be used on shotguns.
- No smoking, lighters, matches, or other spark producing devices are permitted.
- All persons entering the installation to hunt will be subject to search.
- Transportation to and from stands will be provided. Privately owned vehicles will not be allowed on the installation.
- New!** Applicants who are drawn to hunt will be required to submit a background check by local law enforcement to the Radford Army Ammunition Plant. See FAQs for details.
- New!** All shotgun hunters regardless of age must have completed a hunter safety education course before participating in a shotgun hunt.
- Answers to questions about the hunt can be found on our website at www.dgif.virginia.gov or by calling VDGIF, Blacksburg Office at (540) 961-8304.
- We reserve the right to alter or close the hunting season or to close any zone.

This program received Federal financial assistance in Sport Fish and/or Wildlife Restoration. Under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you wish to provide further information please write to the office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 400 North Fairfax Drive, Room 308, Arlington, VA 22204.

Public Ranges

The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has public sighting-in ranges available at the Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) listed below. These ranges were built to provide facilities for sportsmen to properly sight-in their firearms before going afield during hunting seasons. All Department public sighting-in ranges are handicapped accessible. Range rules and hours of operation are prominently posted at each range to promote shooting safety and proper care of the facilities. No reservations are required and there are no fees. Shooters are limited to one hour of shooting when range is full. Be sure to bring your own paper targets, cardboard backing, clothespins and tape. Shooters are encouraged to help maintain the ranges by packing-out their target materials and brass for proper disposal off site. Specific hours and dates of operation, range rules, scheduled closures, travel directions and other information is posted at www.HuntFishVA.com.

NOTE: The Department reserves the right to manage use and access of these facilities as deemed appropriate. These facilities are subject to emergency closures.

Also noted below are shooting ranges found on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

Department Sighting-In Ranges

Amelia Wildlife Management Area:

Six covered bench positions from 25–100 yards for rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun patterning at stationary paper targets; area for clay bird shooting (bring own thrower and targets); and archery range. Pistol shooting is prohibited. General dates of operation are September 1 to March 31. Range is closed on Mondays unless otherwise posted. With the exception of state holidays the range will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. For information contact Forest Regional Office: (434) 525-7522.

Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area:

Ten covered bench shooting positions from 25–100 yards for rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun patterning at stationary paper targets. Pistol and clay target

shooting are prohibited. General dates of operation are September 1 to March 31. With the exception of state holidays the range will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. For information contact: Charles City Regional Office; (804) 829-6580.

Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area:

Six covered bench-rest stations from 25–100 yards for rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun patterning at stationary paper targets. Pistol and clay target shooting is prohibited. General dates of operation are September 1 to March 31. With the exception of state holidays the range will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. Snow and ice may result in temporary range closures in January, February and March. For information contact: Marion Regional Office; (276) 783-4860.

Gathright Wildlife Management Area:

Six covered bench-rest stations from 25–100 yards for rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun patterning at stationary paper targets. Pistol and clay target shooting is prohibited. General dates of operation are September 1 to March 31. With the exception of state holidays the range will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. For information contact: Verona Regional Office; (540) 248-9360.

C. F. Phelps Wildlife Management Area:

Six covered bench-rest stations from 25–100 yards for rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun patterning at stationary paper targets. Pistol and clay target shooting is prohibited. General dates of operation are September 1 to March 31. With the exception of state holidays the range will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. For information contact: Fredericksburg Regional Office; (540) 899-4169.

White Oak Mountain Wildlife Management Area:

Six covered bench positions from 25–100 yards for rifle, muzzleloader and shotgun patterning at stationary paper targets. Pistol and clay target shooting is prohibited. General dates of operation are September 1 to March 31. With the exception of state holidays the range will be closed on Mondays for maintenance. For information contact Forest Regional Office: (434) 525-7522.

National Forest Shooting Ranges

The **Blacksburg Shooting Range** offers two facilities: an 18-position rifle/pistol for firing at stationary targets and a single position shotgun (trap) range. For information contact: Eastern Divide Ranger District, (540) 552-4641.

The **Bath County Shooting Range** has 10 covered bench rests for shooting 50–100 yards. Pistols, rifles and shotguns are allowed at stationary targets. Moving targets are prohibited. For information contact: Warm Springs Ranger District, (540) 839-2521.

The **Hite Hollow Shooting Range** is available for rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting at stationary targets. Moving targets are prohibited. For information contact: North River Ranger District, (540) 432-0187.

The **Low Moor Shooting Range** provides 6 covered rifle bench rests and 3 covered pistol bench rests. Features include rifle range-stationary targets at 50 and 100 yards, and pistol range-stationary targets at 25 yards. Moving targets are prohibited. For information contact: James River Ranger District, (540) 962-2214.

The **Pott's Slope Shooting Range** is handicapped-accessible with a covered shooting area. There are nine lanes for rifle and pistol use with stationary targets at 25, 50 and 100 yards. For information contact: Eastern Divide Ranger District (540) 552-4641.

The **West Side Shooting Range** provides shooting lanes of various lengths with covered shooting benches. For more information contact: North River Ranger District, (540) 432-0187.

The **Wythe Shooting Range** includes six 25 yard lanes and four 100-yard lanes. For more information contact: Eastern Divide Ranger District, (540) 552-4641.

When visiting the National Forest, please remember firearms may be discharged for target practice only at established shooting ranges. Discharging a firearm in a developed recreation site is dangerous and prohibited. For more information contact: the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest Headquarters at 516 Valleypointe Parkway, Roanoke, VA. 24019, or call (540) 265-5100.

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Hunting and Trapping Regulation Review Process

The Department's Hunting and Trapping regulation review and amendment process for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 hunting and trapping seasons commence in September 2008 with a series of regulatory issue meetings throughout the state to discuss hunting and trapping issues and solicit the views of the public. The number and locations of these meetings have not been decided at the time of printing of this digest but will be posted on the department's Web site at www.HuntFishVA.com and announced in the media. The Board of Game and Inland Fisheries plans to conduct meetings in October 2008, February 2009, and June 2009 to consider the issues, receive public comments, hear staff recommendations, propose amendments, and take final action on regulations. A public discussion period will be afforded following the October board meeting from November through December for public comment on hunting and trapping regulatory issues and a public comment period following the February board meeting from March to mid-May for public comments on Board proposed regulation changes. Amendments to any regulations would be effective August 1, 2009. For more information on the Hunting and Trapping Regulation Review Process go to www.HuntFishVA.com.

Sunrise and Sunset Timetable

Richmond, Virginia

Sunrise-sunset times below are Eastern Standard Time
Add one hour for Daylight Saving Time, if and when in use.

Day	JULY		AUG		SEPT		OCT		NOV		DEC		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		JUNE	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
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Newport News	-5 minutes	Bristol	+19 minutes
Norfolk	-5 minutes	Cape Charles	-6 minutes
Roanoke	+10 minutes	Charlottesville	+4 minutes
Tazewell	+16 minutes	Chincoteague	-8 minutes
Williamsburg	-3 minutes	Danville	+8 minutes
Winchester	+3 minutes	Fredericksburg	0 minutes